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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to campaign financing; amending s. 106.09, F.S.; increasing penalties for making or accepting certain illegal campaign contributions; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 106.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

106.09 Cash contributions and contribution by cashier's checks.--

(1) A ~~No~~ person may not ~~shall~~ make or accept a cash contribution or contribution by means of a cashier's check in excess of \$100.

(2)(a) Any person who makes or accepts a contribution in excess of \$100 in violation of this section commits ~~is guilty of~~ a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(b) Any person who knowingly and willfully makes or accepts a contribution in excess of \$5,000 in violation of this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that knowingly and willfully making or accepting a contribution in cash or by means of a cashier's check in excess of \$5,000 constitutes a third-degree felony. Retains the first-degree-misdemeanor penalty for making or accepting a contribution in cash or by means of a cashier's check in excess of \$100, whether or not the act was done knowingly and willfully.