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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to political advertisements;
creating s. 106.072, F.S.; requiring certain
persons that make expenditures for political
advertisements to report information with
respect thereto; providing penalties; providing
applicability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 106.072, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

106.072 Disclosure of certain advertisements.--Any
person that makes or commits to make an expenditure for a
political advertisement that names or refers to a candidate
and that is published or broadcast 60 days or less before the
election in which the named candidate is running, which person
is not otherwise required to report such expenditures or
advertisements, must disclose the expenditure, the source of
funds used, and the recipient of the funds. Disclosure must be
made to the office with which the candidate named or
referred-to is required to file reports of contributions under
s. 106.07. If the person making the expenditure is a natural
person or an entity that is not otherwise required to register
with the division, the person must designate an individual
responsible for maintaining records necessary to comply with
this section and for filing the disclosure required by this
section. The disclosure must be filed no later than 10 days
before the election. A person who fails to file a disclosure
required by this section is subject to the same penalty as is
prescribed for violation of s. 106.07.

1 Section 2. This act applies to advertisements that
2 name or refer to a candidate in an election that occurs at
3 least 60 days after the effective date of this act.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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7 SENATE SUMMARY

8 Requires persons not otherwise required to disclose
9 political advertisements to report advertisements made 60
10 days or less before an election which name or refer to a
11 candidate running in that election. The report is to be
12 made with the office with which the candidate files
13 contribution reports and must include the amount of the
14 expenditure and the source and recipient of the funds.
15 Failure is subject to the same penalty as for failure of
16 a candidate to file a required report.