

By Senator Saunders

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to political committees;  
 3           amending s. 106.011, F.S.; redefining the term  
 4           "political committee"; providing an effective  
 5           date.

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

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9           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 106.011, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11           106.011 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the  
12 following terms have the following meanings unless the context  
13 clearly indicates otherwise:

14           (1)(a) "Political committee" means:

15           1. A combination of two or more individuals, or a  
16 person other than an individual, that, in an aggregate amount  
17 in excess of \$500 during a single calendar year:

18           a. Accepts contributions for the purpose of making  
19 contributions to any candidate, political committee, committee  
20 of continuous existence, or political party;

21           b. Accepts contributions for the purpose of expressly  
22 advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or issue;

23           c. Makes expenditures that expressly advocate the  
24 election or defeat of a candidate or issue; or

25           d. Makes contributions to a common fund, other than a  
26 joint checking account between spouses, from which  
27 contributions are made to any candidate, political committee,  
28 committee of continuous existence, or political party.

29 ~~the primary or incidental purpose of which is to support or oppose~~  
30 ~~any candidate, issue, or political party, which accepts~~  
31 ~~contributions or makes expenditures during a calendar year in~~

1 ~~an aggregate amount in excess of \$500; "political committee"~~  
2 ~~also means~~

3       2. The sponsor of a proposed constitutional amendment  
4 by initiative who intends to seek the signatures of registered  
5 electors.

6       (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the following  
7 entities shall not be considered political committees for  
8 purposes of this chapter:

9       1. Organizations that ~~which~~ are certified by the  
10 Department of State as committees of continuous existence  
11 pursuant to s. 106.04, national political parties, and the  
12 state and county executive committees of political parties  
13 regulated by chapter 103 ~~shall not be considered political~~  
14 ~~committees for the purposes of this chapter.~~

15       2. Corporations regulated by chapter 607 or chapter  
16 617 or other business entities formed for purposes other than  
17 to support or oppose issues or candidates, ~~are not political~~  
18 ~~committees~~ if their political activities are limited to  
19 contributions to candidates, political parties, or political  
20 committees or expenditures in support of or in opposition to  
21 an issue from corporate or business funds and if no  
22 contributions are received by such corporations or business  
23 entities.

24       Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
25 law.

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28 SENATE SUMMARY

29 Modifies the definition of "political committee" for  
30 purposes of campaign financing.

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