

By Senator Smith

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See HB 1073

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Alachua County; amending the  
3           Alachua County Home Rule Charter to authorize  
4           the county to adopt by charter amendment  
5           restrictions more stringent than those imposed  
6           by general law on campaign financing in regard  
7           to candidates for elective county offices  
8           identified in the charter; providing for a  
9           referendum; providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Section 1.6 is added to Article I of the  
14 Alachua County Home Rule Charter to read:

15           ARTICLE I. CREATION, POWERS AND ORDINANCES OF HOME  
16 RULE CHARTER AND GOVERNMENT

17           Sec. 1.6. Campaign finance regulation.

18           Alachua County shall have the power to adopt by charter  
19 amendment restrictions more stringent than those imposed by  
20 general law upon the financing of campaigns conducted by  
21 candidates for elective county offices identified in Article  
22 II, Section 2.2 (Legislative branch) and Article III, Section  
23 3.1 (Elected county constitutional offices) of this home rule  
24 charter. These additional restrictions may apply to all  
25 aspects of campaign financing, including solicitations,  
26 contributions, expenditures, recordkeeping, reporting  
27 requirements, and noncriminal penalties for violation. The  
28 initial additional restrictions authorized by this section  
29 shall be proposed by amendment of this home rule charter at  
30 the general election held in either 2004 or 2006 and shall be  
31 adopted if approved by a majority of the electors of Alachua

1 County voting on the amendment in that general election. All  
2 additional restrictions shall be proposed by amendment of this  
3 home rule charter at a subsequent general election and shall  
4 be adopted if approved by a majority of those electors of  
5 Alachua County voting on the amendment in that general  
6 election. Charter amendments adopted pursuant to the  
7 authority granted in this section shall not be preempted by  
8 general law unless the general law expressly supersedes all  
9 special acts authorizing county charter home rule power for  
10 campaign financing.

11           Section 2. This act shall take effect only upon its  
12 approval by a majority vote of those qualified electors of  
13 Alachua County voting in a referendum to be held by the Board  
14 of County Commissioners of Alachua County in conjunction with  
15 the general election to be held in 2002, in accordance with  
16 the provisions of law relating to elections currently in  
17 force, except that this section shall take effect upon  
18 becoming a law.

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