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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.

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.