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Representative Gottlieb offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between line(s) 2398 and 2399, insert:

Section 53. Section 97.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

97.055 Registration period open books; registration at polls ~~when closed for an election.--~~

(1) The registration books shall remain open for purposes of registration and changes in registration as authorized in this code and may not ~~must~~ ~~be closed on the 29th day before any~~ each election and must remain closed until after that election. Any person who is eligible under s. 97.041 may register to vote or update a voter registration at any time and in any manner authorized in this code, including on the day of an election. ~~If an election is called and there are fewer than 29 days before that election, the registration books must be closed~~

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28 ~~immediately. When the registration books are closed for an~~
29 ~~election, voter registration and party changes must be accepted~~
30 ~~but only for the purpose of subsequent elections.~~ However, party
31 changes received between the ~~book-closing~~ date of the first
32 primary election and the date of the second primary election are
33 not effective until after the second primary election.

34 (2) Any person eligible under s. 97.041 who wishes to
35 register to vote or update a voter registration on the day of an
36 election may do so at the polls, while the polls are open, by
37 completing a voter registration application to provide the
38 required information. However, if the person has previously
39 attempted to register either by mail or through the division, a
40 driver license office, a voter registration agency, or an armed
41 forces recruitment office and that registration has not been
42 received by the supervisor in time to include the person's name
43 on the registration books or precinct register for that
44 election, the person shall, prior to completing the voter
45 registration application at the polls, inform the supervisor,
46 deputy supervisor, or other authorized registration official of
47 the prior attempt to register. Any such prior registration or
48 update of such a registration received by the supervisor after
49 the election shall be considered obviated or superseded by the
50 registration or update of a registration at the polls on the day
51 of that election. ~~In computing the 29-day period for the closing~~
52 ~~of the registration books, the day of the election is excluded~~
53 ~~and all other days are included. If the 29th day preceding an~~
54 ~~election falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the registration~~
55 ~~books must be closed on the next day that is not a Sunday or a~~
56 ~~legal holiday.~~

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57 Section 54. Subsection (10) of section 97.021, Florida
58 Statutes, is amended to read:

59 97.021 Definitions.--For the purposes of this code, except
60 where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

61 (10) "Election costs" shall include, but not be limited
62 to, expenditures for all paper supplies such as envelopes,
63 instructions to voters, affidavits, reports, ballot cards,
64 ballot booklets for absentee voters, postage, notices to voters;
65 advertisements for ~~registration book closings~~, testing of voting
66 equipment, sample ballots, and polling places; forms used to
67 qualify candidates; polling site rental and equipment delivery
68 and pickup; data processing time and supplies; election records
69 retention; and labor costs, including those costs uniquely
70 associated with absentee ballot preparation, poll workers, and
71 election night canvass.

72 Section 55. Subsection (4) of section 97.053, Florida
73 Statutes, is amended to read:

74 97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.--

75 (4) The registration date for a valid initial voter
76 registration application that has been mailed and bears a clear
77 postmark is the date of the postmark. If an initial voter
78 registration application that has been mailed does not bear a
79 postmark or if the postmark is unclear, the registration date is
80 the date the registration is received by any supervisor or the
81 division, ~~unless it is received within 5 days after the closing~~
82 ~~of the books for an election, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and~~
83 ~~legal holidays, in which case the registration date is the book-~~
84 ~~closing date.~~

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85 Section 56. Section 97.0555, Florida Statutes, is
86 repealed.

87 Section 57. Subsection (3) of section 97.071, Florida
88 Statutes, is amended to read:

89 97.071 Registration identification card.--

90 (3) In the case of a change of name, address, or party
91 affiliation, the supervisor must issue the voter a new
92 registration identification card. However, a registration
93 identification card indicating a party affiliation change made
94 between the ~~book-closing~~ date of ~~for~~ the first primary election
95 and the date of the second primary election may not be issued
96 until after the second primary election.

97 Section 58. Subsection (5) of section 98.065, Florida
98 Statutes, is amended to read:

99 98.065 Registration list maintenance programs.--

100 (5) The supervisor must designate as inactive all voters
101 who have been sent an address confirmation final notice and who
102 have not returned the postage prepaid preaddressed return form
103 within 30 days. A voter on the inactive list must be allowed to
104 vote and to change the voter's name or address of legal
105 residence at the polls ~~pursuant to s. 101.045~~. Names on the
106 inactive list may not be used to calculate the number of
107 signatures needed on any petition or the quantity of voting
108 equipment needed.

109 Section 59. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 98.081,
110 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

111 98.081 Names removed from registration books; restrictions
112 on reregistering; recordkeeping; restoration of erroneously or
113 illegally removed names.--

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114 (1) Any person who requested that his or her name be
115 removed from the registration books between the ~~book-closing~~
116 date of the first primary and the date of the second primary may
117 not register in a different political party until after the date
118 of the second primary election.

119 (3) When the name of any elector has been erroneously or
120 illegally removed from the registration books, the name of the
121 elector shall be restored by the supervisor upon satisfactory
122 proof, ~~even though the registration period for that election is~~
123 ~~closed.~~

124 Section 60. Section 98.231, Florida Statutes, is amended
125 to read:

126 98.231 Supervisor of elections to furnish Department of
127 State number of registered electors.--The supervisor of each
128 county, not less than within 15 days ~~after the closing of~~
129 ~~registration books~~ prior to the election, shall, for the county
130 and for each legislative and congressional district in which
131 such county or any portion thereof is located, advise the
132 Department of State of the total number of registered electors
133 of each political party in which any elector has registered and
134 the number of electors registered as independents or without
135 party affiliation.

136 Section 61. Section 101.045, Florida Statutes, is amended
137 to read:

138 101.045 Electors must be registered in precinct;
139 provisions for residence or name change.--

140 (1) No person shall be permitted to vote in any election
141 precinct or district other than the one in which the person has
142 his or her legal residence and in which the person is

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143 registered. However, a person temporarily residing outside the
 144 county shall be registered in the precinct in which the main
 145 office of the supervisor, as designated by the supervisor, is
 146 located when the person has no permanent address in the county
 147 and it is the person's intention to remain a resident of Florida
 148 and of the county in which he or she is registered to vote. Such
 149 persons who are registered in the precinct in which the main
 150 office of the supervisor, as designated by the supervisor, is
 151 located and who are residing outside the county with no
 152 permanent address in the county shall not be registered electors
 153 of a municipality and therefore shall not be permitted to vote
 154 in any municipal election.

155 (2)(a) An elector who moves from the precinct within the
 156 county in which the elector is registered may be permitted to
 157 vote in the precinct to which he or she has moved his or her
 158 legal residence or, ~~provided such elector completes an~~
 159 ~~affirmation in substantially the following form:~~

160
 161 ~~Change of Legal Residence of Registered~~
 162 ~~Voter~~

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 164 ~~Under penalties for false swearing, I, ... (Name of voter)~~
 165 ~~..., swear (or affirm) that the former address of my legal~~
 166 ~~residence was ... (Address of legal residence) ... in the~~
 167 ~~municipality of _____, in _____ County, Florida, and I was~~
 168 ~~registered to vote in the _____ precinct of _____ County,~~
 169 ~~Florida; that I have not voted in the precinct of my former~~
 170 ~~registration in this election; that I now reside at ...~~
 171 ~~(Address of legal residence) ... in the Municipality of _____,~~

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172 in _____ County, Florida, and am therefore eligible to vote in
173 the _____ precinct of _____ County, Florida; and I further swear
174 (or affirm) that I am otherwise legally registered and entitled
175 to vote.

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177 ... (Signature of voter whose address of legal residence has
178 changed) ...

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180 (b) an elector whose name changes because of marriage or
181 other legal process may be permitted to vote, provided such
182 elector completes an affirmation in substantially the following
183 form:

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185 ~~Change of Name of Registered~~
186 ~~Voter~~

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188 ~~Under penalties for false swearing, I, ... (New name of voter)~~
189 ~~..., swear (or affirm) that my name has been changed because of~~
190 ~~marriage or other legal process. My former name and address of~~
191 ~~legal residence appear on the registration books of precinct~~
192 ~~_____ as follows:~~

193 ~~Name~~
194 ~~Address~~
195 ~~Municipality~~
196 ~~County~~
197 ~~Florida, Zip~~

198 ~~My present name and address of legal residence are as follows:~~

199 ~~Name~~
200 ~~Address~~

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201 Municipality

202 County

203 Florida, Zip

204 ~~and I further swear (or affirm) that I am otherwise legally~~
205 ~~registered and entitled to vote.~~

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207 ~~... (Signature of voter whose name has changed) ...~~

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209 ~~(c) Such affirmation, when completed and presented at the~~
210 ~~precinct in which such elector is entitled to vote, and upon~~
211 ~~verification of the elector's registration, shall entitle such~~
212 ~~elector to vote as provided in this subsection. If the elector's~~
213 ~~eligibility to vote cannot be determined, he or she shall be~~
214 ~~entitled to vote a provisional ballot, subject to the~~
215 ~~requirements and procedures in s. 101.048. Upon receipt of an~~
216 ~~affirmation certifying a change in address of legal residence or~~
217 ~~name, the supervisor shall as soon as practicable make the~~
218 ~~necessary changes in the registration records of the county to~~
219 ~~indicate the change in address of legal residence or name of~~
220 ~~such elector.~~

221 ~~(d) Instead of the affirmation contained in paragraph (a)~~
222 ~~or paragraph (b), an elector may complete a voter registration~~
223 ~~application that indicates the change of name or change of~~
224 ~~address of legal residence or change of name.~~

225 ~~(b)(e)~~ A request for an absentee ballot pursuant to s.
226 101.62 which indicates that the elector has had a change of
227 address of legal residence from that in the supervisor's records
228 shall be sufficient as the notice to the supervisor of change of
229 address of legal residence required by this section. Upon

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230 receipt of such request for an absentee ballot from an elector
231 who has changed his or her address of legal residence, the
232 supervisor shall provide the elector with the proper ballot for
233 the precinct in which the elector then has his or her legal
234 residence.

235 (3) When an elector's name does not appear on the
236 registration books or precinct register of the election precinct
237 in which the elector claims to be ~~is~~ registered, the elector may
238 have his or her name restored by completing a voter registration
239 application to provide the required information indicating
240 eligibility under s. 97.041 ~~if the supervisor is otherwise~~
241 ~~satisfied that the elector is validly registered, that the~~
242 ~~elector's name has been erroneously omitted from the books, and~~
243 ~~that the elector is entitled to have his or her name restored.~~
244 The supervisor, ~~if he or she is satisfied as to the elector's~~
245 ~~previous registration,~~ shall then allow such person to vote and
246 shall thereafter issue a duplicate registration identification
247 card.

248 Section 62. Section 101.663, Florida Statutes, is amended
249 to read:

250 101.663 Electors; change of residence.--

251 (1) An elector who changes his or her residence to another
252 county in Florida from the county in Florida in which he or she
253 is registered as an elector must register in the county of his
254 or her new residence prior to being allowed to vote in any
255 election and may not vote, either in person or by absentee
256 ballot, in the county of his or her former residence ~~after the~~
257 ~~books in the county to which the elector has changed his or her~~
258 ~~residence are closed for any general, primary, or special~~

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259 ~~election shall be permitted to vote absentee in the county of~~
260 ~~his or her former residence in that election for President and~~
261 ~~Vice President, United States Senator, statewide offices, and~~
262 ~~statewide issues. Such person shall not be permitted to vote in~~
263 ~~the county of the person's former residence after the general~~
264 ~~election.~~

265 (2) An elector registered in this state who moves his or
266 her permanent residence to another state and who is prohibited
267 by the laws of that state from voting for the offices of
268 President and Vice President of the United States may ~~shall~~ be
269 permitted to vote absentee in the county of his or her former
270 residence for those offices.

271 Section 63. Subsection (8) of section 101.151, Florida
272 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (9), and a new subsection
273 (8) is added to said section to read:

274 101.151 Specifications for ballots.--

275 (8) A ballot may not exceed seven standard letter size
276 pages in length or the equivalent. The department shall provide
277 by rule what constitutes the equivalent ballot length for voting
278 systems that use a ballot card or paper ballot of a different
279 size and for electronic or electromechanical voting systems that
280 do not use a ballot card or paper ballot.

281 Section 64. Subsection (1) of section 100.011, Florida
282 Statutes, is amended to read:

283 100.011 Opening and closing of polls, all elections;
284 expenses.--

285 (1) The polls shall be open at the voting places at 7 ~~7:00~~
286 a.m. ~~τ~~ on the day of the election ~~τ~~ and shall be kept open until 9
287 ~~7:00~~ p.m. ~~τ~~ of the same day, and the time shall be regulated by

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288 the customary time in standard use in the county seat of the
289 locality. The inspectors shall make public proclamation of the
290 opening and closing of the polls. During the election and
291 canvass of the votes, the ballot box shall not be concealed.

292 Section 65. Section 101.65, Florida Statutes, is amended
293 to read:

294 101.65 Instructions to absent electors.--The supervisor
295 shall enclose with each absentee ballot separate printed
296 instructions in substantially the following form:

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298 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING BALLOT.

299 1. VERY IMPORTANT. In order to ensure that your absentee
300 ballot will be counted, it should be completed and returned as
301 soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of
302 elections of the county in which your precinct is located no
303 later than 9 7 p.m. on the day of the election.

304 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.
305 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so
306 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

307 3. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy
308 envelope.

309 4. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed mailing
310 envelope which is addressed to the supervisor.

311 5. Seal the mailing envelope and completely fill out the
312 Voter's Certificate on the back of the mailing envelope.

313 6. VERY IMPORTANT. In order for your absentee ballot to be
314 counted, you must sign your name on the line above (Voter's
315 Signature).

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316 7. VERY IMPORTANT. If you are an overseas voter, you must
317 include the date you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line
318 above (Date) or your ballot may not be counted.

319 8. VERY IMPORTANT. In order for your absentee ballot to be
320 counted, it must include the signature and address of a witness
321 18 years of age or older affixed to the Voter's Certificate. No
322 candidate may serve as an attesting witness.

323 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing
324 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

325 10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to
326 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote
327 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote
328 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under
329 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

330 Section 66. Subsection (2) of section 101.67, Florida
331 Statutes, is amended to read:

332 101.67 Safekeeping of mailed ballots; deadline for
333 receiving absentee ballots.--

334 (2) All marked absent electors' ballots to be counted must
335 be received by the supervisor by 9 7 p.m. the day of the
336 election. All ballots received thereafter shall be marked with
337 the time and date of receipt and filed in the supervisor's
338 office.

339 Section 67. Section 101.657, Florida Statutes, is amended
340 to read:

341 101.657 Voting absentee ballots in person.--

342 (1) Any qualified and registered elector may pick up and
343 vote an absentee ballot in person at the office of, and under
344 the supervision of, the supervisor of elections. Before

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345 receiving the ballot, the elector must present a Florida
346 driver's license, a Florida identification card issued under s.
347 322.051, or another form of picture identification approved by
348 the Department of State. If the elector fails to furnish the
349 required identification, or if the supervisor is in doubt as to
350 the identity of the elector, the supervisor must follow the
351 procedure prescribed in s. 101.49.

352 (2)(a) As an alternative to the provisions of ss. 101.64
353 and 101.65, the supervisor of elections may allow an elector to
354 cast an absentee ballot in the main or branch office of the
355 supervisor by depositing the voted ballot in a voting device
356 used by the supervisor to collect or tabulate ballots. The
357 results or tabulation may not be made before the close of the
358 polls on election day.

359 (b) Three weeks prior to each primary and general
360 election, the supervisor of elections shall allow voting by
361 absentee ballot in the main office and each branch office each
362 day of the week, including Saturday and Sunday, for a period of
363 not less than 8 hours, beginning no later than 9 a.m. To the
364 extent practicable, the supervisor shall also provide for voting
365 by absentee ballot during this period in other locations located
366 equally throughout the county. Such locations may include
367 libraries, schools, and other facilities used as polling places
368 on election day. In addition, the supervisor may authorize the
369 use of mobile units for purposes of voting an absentee ballot
370 under this paragraph, provided the locations at which such units
371 are set up do not include any location regularly used by and
372 associated with a political party or partisan political
373 organization.

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374 (c)(a) The elector must provide picture identification and
375 must complete an In-Office Voter Certificate in substantially
376 the following form:

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378 IN-OFFICE VOTER CERTIFICATE

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380 I, _____, am a qualified elector in this election and registered
381 voter of _____ County, Florida. I do solemnly swear or affirm
382 that I am the person so listed on the voter registration rolls
383 of _____ County and that I reside at the listed address. I
384 understand that if I commit or attempt to commit fraud in
385 connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot, or vote more
386 than once in an election I could be convicted of a felony of the
387 third degree and both fined up to \$5,000 and imprisoned for up
388 to 5 years. I understand that my failure to sign this
389 certificate and have my signature witnessed invalidates my
390 ballot.

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393 ... (Voter's Signature) ...

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395 ... (Address) ...

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397 ... (City/State) ...

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399 ... (Name of Witness) ...

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401 ... (Signature of Witness) ...
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403 ... (Type of identification provided) ...

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405 ~~(d)~~(b) Any elector may challenge an elector seeking to
406 cast an absentee ballot under the provisions of s. 101.111. Any
407 challenged ballot must be placed in a regular absentee ballot
408 envelope. The canvassing board shall review the ballot and
409 decide the validity of the ballot by majority vote.

410 ~~(e)~~(e) The canvass of returns for ballots cast under this
411 subsection shall be substantially the same as votes cast by
412 electors in precincts, as provided in s. 101.5614.

413 Section 68. Subsection (26) of section 97.021, Florida
414 Statutes, is amended to read:

415 97.021 Definitions.--For the purposes of this code, except
416 where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

417 (26) "Provisional ballot" means a ballot issued to a voter
418 by the supervisor during early voting or by the election board
419 at the polling place on election day for one of the following
420 reasons:

421 (a) The voter's name does not appear on the registration
422 books or the precinct register and verification of the voter's
423 eligibility cannot be determined; or

424 (b) There is an indication on the registration books or
425 the precinct register that the voter has requested an absentee
426 ballot and there is no indication whether the voter has returned
427 the absentee ballot.

428 Section 69. Section 101.048, Florida Statutes, is amended
429 to read:

430 101.048 Provisional ballots.--

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431 (1) For ~~At~~ all elections, a voter claiming to be properly
432 registered in the county and eligible to vote at a ~~the~~ precinct
433 in the election, but whose eligibility cannot be determined,
434 shall be entitled to vote a provisional ballot at that precinct
435 or, if voting early at the main office or a branch office of the
436 supervisor, a provisional ballot for that precinct. Once voted,
437 the provisional ballot shall be placed in a secrecy envelope and
438 thereafter sealed in a provisional ballot envelope. The
439 provisional ballot shall be deposited in a ballot box. All
440 provisional ballots shall remain sealed in their envelopes for
441 return to the supervisor of elections.

442 (2)(a) The county canvassing board shall examine each
443 provisional ballot envelope to determine if the person voting
444 that precinct's ballot was entitled to vote that ballot ~~at the~~
445 ~~precinct where the person cast a vote~~ in the election and that
446 the person had not already cast a ballot in the election.

447 (b)1. If it is determined that the person was registered
448 and entitled to vote that ballot ~~at the precinct where the~~
449 ~~person cast a vote~~ in the election, the canvassing board shall
450 compare the signature on the provisional ballot envelope with
451 the signature on the voter's registration and, if it matches,
452 shall count the ballot.

453 2. If it is determined that the person ~~voting the~~
454 ~~provisional ballot~~ was not registered or entitled to vote that
455 ballot ~~at the precinct where the person cast a vote~~ in the
456 election, the provisional ballot shall not be counted and the
457 ballot shall remain in the envelope containing the Provisional
458 Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation and the envelope
459 shall be marked "Rejected as Illegal."

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460 (3) The Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and
461 Affirmation shall be in substantially the following form:

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463 STATE OF FLORIDA
464 COUNTY OF _____
465

466 I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that my name is _____; that
467 my date of birth is _____; that I am registered to vote and at
468 the time I registered I resided at _____, in the municipality of
469 _____, in _____ County, Florida; that I am registered in the
470 _____ Party; that I am a qualified voter of the county; and that
471 I have not voted in this election. I understand that if I commit
472 any fraud in connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot,
473 or vote more than once in an election, I can be convicted of a
474 felony of the third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and/or
475 imprisoned for up to 5 years.

476 ... (Signature of Voter) ...
477 ... (Current Residence Address) ...
478 ... (Current Mailing Address) ...
479 ... (City, State, Zip Code) ...
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481 Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____,
482 ... (year)
483 ... (Election Official) ...
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485 Precinct # _____ Ballot Style/Party Issued: _____
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487 Additional information may be provided to further assist the
488 supervisor of elections in determining eligibility.

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(4) In counties where the voting system does not utilize a paper ballot, the supervisor of elections shall provide the appropriate provisional ballots to each polling place.

Section 70. Section 106.161, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

106.161 Air time available at the lowest unit rate.--To the extent permitted by federal law, all broadcast radio and television stations and all cable television stations shall make air time available to candidates for public office at the lowest unit rate. To the extent permitted by federal law, all broadcast radio and television stations must offer 2.5 minutes of free air time prior to each election to each candidate for public office appearing on the ballot for that election within the area the station covers.

Section 71. There is created a task force to rebut false or inaccurate statements in political campaigns. Each major political party regulated under chapter 103, Florida Statutes, and each minor political party, as defined in s. 97.021(15), Florida Statutes, may select one member to serve on the task force. Any rebuttal issued by the task force shall be considered a public service announcement and not a political advertisement and is not subject to reporting as a contribution or expenditure under chapter 106, Florida Statutes. The cost of disseminating the rebuttal shall be borne equally by the political parties appointing members to the task force.

Section 72. Subsection (1) of section 110.117, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.117 Paid holidays.--

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518 (1) The following holidays shall be paid holidays observed
519 by all state branches and agencies:

520 (a) New Year's Day.

521 (b) Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., third Monday in
522 January.

523 (c) Memorial Day.

524 (d) Independence Day.

525 (e) Labor Day.

526 (f) General Election Day.

527 (g)~~(f)~~ Veterans' Day, November 11.

528 (h)~~(g)~~ Thanksgiving Day.

529 (i)~~(h)~~ Friday after Thanksgiving.

530 (j)~~(i)~~ Christmas Day.

531 (k)~~(j)~~ If any of these holidays falls on Saturday, the
532 preceding Friday shall be observed as a holiday. If any of these
533 holidays falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed
534 as a holiday.

535 Section 73. Paragraph (r) of subsection (1) of section
536 683.01, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

537 683.01 Legal holidays.--

538 (1) The legal holidays, which are also public holidays,
539 are the following:

540 (r) General Election Day.

541 Section 74. Section 106.08, Florida Statutes, is amended
542 to read:

543 106.08 Contributions; limitations on.--

544 (1)(a) ~~Except for political parties, No person, political~~
545 ~~committee, or committee of continuous existence~~ may, in any
546 election, make contributions in excess of \$500 to any candidate

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547 for election to or retention in office or to any political
548 committee supporting or opposing one or more candidates.
549 However, a political committee may not make a contribution to
550 any candidate for election to or retention in office. Candidates
551 for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor on the same
552 ticket are considered a single candidate for the purpose of this
553 section.

554 (b)1. The contribution limits provided in this subsection
555 do not apply to contributions made by a state or county
556 executive committee of a political party regulated by chapter
557 103 or to amounts contributed by a candidate to his or her own
558 campaign.

559 2. Notwithstanding the limits provided in this subsection,
560 an unemancipated child under the age of 18 years of age may not
561 make a contribution in excess of \$100 to any candidate or to any
562 political committee supporting one or more candidates.

563 (c) The contribution limits of this subsection apply to
564 each election. For purposes of this subsection, the first
565 primary, second primary, and general election are separate
566 elections so long as the candidate is not an unopposed candidate
567 as defined in s. 106.011(14)(15). However, for the purpose of
568 contribution limits with respect to candidates for retention as
569 a justice or judge, there is only one election, which is the
570 general election. With respect to candidates in a circuit
571 holding an election for circuit judge or in a county holding an
572 election for county court judge, there are only two elections,
573 which are the first primary election and general election.

574 (2) A person may not make contributions to the state and
575 county executive committees of a political party, including any

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576 subordinate committee of a state or county executive committee
577 of a political party, which contributions, including in-kind
578 contributions, in the aggregate in any calendar year exceed
579 \$5,000.

580 ~~(3)(2)(a)~~ A candidate may not accept contributions from
581 national, state, including any subordinate committee of a
582 national, state, or county committee of a political party, and
583 county executive committees of a political party, which
584 contributions in the aggregate exceed \$50,000, no more than
585 \$25,000 of which may be accepted prior to the 28-day period
586 immediately preceding the date of the general election.

587 ~~(b) Polling services, research services, costs for~~
588 ~~campaign staff, professional consulting services, and telephone~~
589 ~~calls are not contributions to be counted toward the~~
590 ~~contribution limits of paragraph (a). Any item not expressly~~
591 ~~identified in this paragraph as nonallocable is a contribution~~
592 ~~in an amount equal to the fair market value of the item and must~~
593 ~~be counted as allocable toward the \$50,000 contribution limits~~
594 ~~of paragraph (a). Nonallocable, in-kind contributions must be~~
595 ~~reported by the candidate under s. 106.07 and by the political~~
596 ~~party under s. 106.29.~~

597 ~~(4)(3)(a)~~ Any contribution received by a candidate with
598 opposition in an election or by the campaign treasurer or a
599 deputy campaign treasurer of such a candidate on the day of that
600 election or less than 5 days prior to the day of that election
601 must be returned by him or her to the person ~~or committee~~
602 contributing it and may not be used or expended by or on behalf
603 of the candidate.

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604 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), any
605 contribution received by a candidate or by the campaign
606 treasurer or a deputy campaign treasurer of a candidate after
607 the date at which the candidate withdraws his or her candidacy,
608 or after the date the candidate is defeated, becomes unopposed,
609 or is elected to office must be returned to the person ~~or~~
610 ~~committee~~ contributing it and may not be used or expended by or
611 on behalf of the candidate.

612 (c) With respect to any campaign for an office in which an
613 independent or minor party candidate has filed as required in s.
614 99.0955 or s. 99.096, but whose qualification is pending a
615 determination by the Department of State or supervisor of
616 elections as to whether or not the required number of petition
617 signatures was obtained:

618 1. The department or supervisor shall, no later than 3
619 days after that determination has been made, notify in writing
620 all other candidates for that office of that determination.

621 2. Any contribution received by a candidate or the
622 campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer of a candidate
623 after the candidate has been notified in writing by the
624 department or supervisor that he or she has become unopposed as
625 a result of an independent or minor party candidate failing to
626 obtain the required number of petition signatures shall be
627 returned to the person, ~~political committee, or committee of~~
628 ~~continuous existence~~ contributing it and shall not be used or
629 expended by or on behalf of the candidate.

630 (5)~~(4)~~ Any contribution received by the chair, campaign
631 treasurer, or deputy campaign treasurer of a political committee
632 supporting or opposing a candidate with opposition in an

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633 election or supporting or opposing an issue on the ballot in an
634 election on the day of that election or less than 5 days prior
635 to the day of that election may not be obligated or expended by
636 the committee until after the date of the election.

637 ~~(6)~~~~(5)~~(a) A person may not make any contribution through
638 or in the name of another, directly or indirectly, in any
639 election.

640 (b) Candidates, political committees, and political
641 parties may not solicit contributions from any religious,
642 charitable, civic, or other causes or organizations established
643 primarily for the public good.

644 (c) Candidates, political committees, and political
645 parties may not make contributions, in exchange for political
646 support, to any religious, charitable, civic, or other cause or
647 organization established primarily for the public good. It is
648 not a violation of this paragraph for:

649 1. A candidate, political committee, or political party
650 executive committee to make gifts of money in lieu of flowers in
651 memory of a deceased person;

652 2. A candidate to continue membership in, or make regular
653 donations from personal or business funds to, religious,
654 political party, civic, or charitable groups of which the
655 candidate is a member or to which the candidate has been a
656 regular donor for more than 6 months; or

657 3. A candidate to purchase, with campaign funds, tickets,
658 admission to events, or advertisements from religious, civic,
659 political party, or charitable groups.

660 ~~(7)~~~~(6)~~ A political party may not accept any contribution
661 which has been specifically designated for the partial or

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662 exclusive use of a particular candidate. Any contribution so
663 designated must be returned to the contributor and may not be
664 used or expended by or on behalf of the candidate.

665 (8)~~(7)~~(a) Any person who knowingly and willfully makes no
666 more than one contribution in violation of subsection (1),
667 subsection (2), or subsection (6) ~~(5)~~, or any person who
668 knowingly and willfully fails or refuses to return any
669 contribution as required in subsection (4) ~~(3)~~, commits a
670 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
671 775.082 or s. 775.083. If any corporation, partnership, or other
672 business entity or any political party or ~~political committee,~~
673 ~~or committee of continuous existence~~ is convicted of knowingly
674 and willfully violating any provision punishable under this
675 paragraph, it shall be fined not less than \$1,000 and not more
676 than \$10,000. If it is a domestic entity, it may be ordered
677 dissolved by a court of competent jurisdiction; if it is a
678 foreign or nonresident business entity, its right to do business
679 in this state may be forfeited. Any officer, partner, agent,
680 attorney, or other representative of a corporation, partnership,
681 or other business entity or of a political party or ~~political~~
682 ~~committee, or committee of continuous existence~~ who aids, abets,
683 advises, or participates in a violation of any provision
684 punishable under this paragraph commits a misdemeanor of the
685 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
686 775.083.

687 (b) Any person who knowingly and willfully makes two or
688 more contributions in violation of subsection (1), subsection
689 (2), or subsection (6), or any combination thereof, ~~(5)~~ commits
690 a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.

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691 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If any corporation,
692 partnership, or other business entity or any political party or,
693 political committee, ~~or committee of continuous existence~~ is
694 convicted of knowingly and willfully violating any provision
695 punishable under this paragraph, it shall be fined not less than
696 \$10,000 and not more than \$50,000. If it is a domestic entity,
697 it may be ordered dissolved by a court of competent
698 jurisdiction; if it is a foreign or nonresident business entity,
699 its right to do business in this state may be forfeited. Any
700 officer, partner, agent, attorney, or other representative of a
701 corporation, partnership, or other business entity, or of a
702 political committee, ~~committee of continuous existence~~, or
703 political party who aids, abets, advises, or participates in a
704 violation of any provision punishable under this paragraph
705 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
706 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

707 (9)~~(8)~~ Except when otherwise provided in subsection (8)
708 ~~(7)~~, any person who knowingly and willfully violates any
709 provision of this section shall, in addition to any other
710 penalty prescribed by this chapter, pay to the state a sum equal
711 to twice the amount contributed in violation of this chapter.
712 Each campaign treasurer shall pay all amounts contributed in
713 violation of this section to the state for deposit in the
714 General Revenue Fund.

715 (10)~~(9)~~ This section does not apply to the transfer of
716 funds between a primary campaign depository and a savings
717 account or certificate of deposit or to any interest earned on
718 such account or certificate.

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719 Section 75. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
720 106.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

721 106.021 Campaign treasurers; deputies; primary and
722 secondary depositories.--

723 (1)

724 (c) Any campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer appointed
725 pursuant to this section shall be a registered voter in this
726 state and shall, before such appointment may become effective,
727 have accepted appointment to such position in writing and filed
728 such acceptance with the officer before whom the candidate is
729 required to qualify or with the officer with whom the political
730 committee is required to file reports. An individual may not be
731 appointed and serve as campaign treasurer of a candidate and a
732 political committee or two or more candidates and political
733 committees. A candidate may appoint herself or himself as
734 campaign treasurer.

735 Section 76. Subsection (2) of section 106.03, Florida
736 Statutes, is amended to read:

737 106.03 Registration of political committees.--

738 (2) The statement of organization shall include:

739 (a) The name and address of the committee;

740 (b) The names, addresses, and relationships of affiliated
741 or connected organizations;

742 (c) The area, scope, or jurisdiction of the committee;

743 (d) The name, address, and position of the custodian of
744 books and accounts;

745 (e) The name, address, and position of other principal
746 officers, including officers and members of the finance
747 committee, if any;

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748 (f) The name, address, office sought, and party
749 affiliation of:

750 1. Each candidate whom the committee is supporting or
751 opposing;

752 2. Any other individual, if any, whom the committee is
753 supporting or opposing for nomination for election, or election,
754 to any public office whatever;

755 (g) Any issue or issues such organization is supporting or
756 opposing;

757 (h) If the committee is supporting or opposing the entire
758 ticket of any party, a statement to that effect and the name of
759 the party;

760 (i) A statement of whether the committee is a continuing
761 one;

762 (j) Plans for the disposition of residual funds which will
763 be made in the event of dissolution;

764 (k) A listing of all banks, safe-deposit boxes, or other
765 depositories used for committee funds; and

766 (l) A statement of the reports required to be filed by the
767 committee with federal officials, if any, and the names,
768 addresses, and positions of such officials.

769 Section 77. Section 106.04, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

770 Section 78. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
771 98.095, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

772 98.095 County registers open to inspection; copies.--

773 (2) The information provided by the supervisor pursuant to
774 this section shall be furnished only to:

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775 (d) Registered political committees, ~~registered committees~~
776 ~~of continuous existence,~~ and political parties or officials
777 thereof, for political purposes only; and
778

779 Such information shall not be used for commercial purposes. No
780 person to whom a list of registered voters is made available
781 pursuant to this section, and no person who acquires such a
782 list, shall use any information contained therein for purposes
783 which are not related to elections, political or governmental
784 activities, voter registration, or law enforcement.

785 Section 79. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
786 98.0979, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

787 98.0979 Statewide voter registration database open to
788 inspection; copies.--

789 (2) The information provided by the division or supervisor
790 of elections pursuant to this section shall be furnished only
791 to:

792 (d) Registered political committees, ~~certified committees~~
793 ~~of continuous existence,~~ and political parties or officials
794 thereof, for political purposes only; and

795 Section 80. Subsection (3) of section 101.62, Florida
796 Statutes, is amended to read:

797 101.62 Request for absentee ballots.--

798 (3) For each request for an absentee ballot received, the
799 supervisor shall record the date the request was made, the date
800 the absentee ballot was delivered or mailed, the date the ballot
801 was received by the supervisor, and such other information he or
802 she may deem necessary. This information shall be confidential
803 and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and shall be made

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804 available to or reproduced only for a canvassing board, an
805 election official, a political party or official thereof, a
806 candidate who has filed qualification papers and is opposed in
807 an upcoming election, and registered political committees ~~or~~
808 ~~registered committees of continuous existence~~, for political
809 purposes only.

810 Section 81. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
811 102.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

812 102.031 Maintenance of good order at polls; authorities;
813 persons allowed in polling rooms; unlawful solicitation of
814 voters.--

815 (3)

816 (c) No person, political committee, ~~committee of~~
817 ~~continuous existence~~, or other group or organization may solicit
818 voters within 50 feet of the entrance to any polling place, or
819 polling room where the polling place is also a polling room, on
820 the day of any election.

821 1. Solicitation shall not be restricted if:

822 a. Conducted from a separately marked area within the 50-
823 foot zone so as not to disturb, hinder, impede, obstruct, or
824 interfere with voter access to the polling place or polling room
825 entrance; and

826 b. The solicitation activities and subject matter are
827 clearly and easily identifiable by the voters as an activity in
828 which they may voluntarily participate; or

829 c. Conducted on property within the 50-foot zone which is
830 a residence, established business, private property, sidewalk,
831 park, or property traditionally utilized as a public area for
832 discussion.

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833 2. Solicitation shall not be permitted within the 50-foot
834 zone on a public sidewalk or other similar means of access to
835 the polling room if it is clearly identifiable to the poll
836 workers that the solicitation is impeding, obstructing, or
837 interfering with voter access to the polling room or polling
838 place.

839 Section 82. Section 106.011, Florida Statutes, is amended
840 to read:

841 106.011 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the
842 following terms have the following meanings unless the context
843 clearly indicates otherwise:

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

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

848 a. Accepts contributions for the purpose of making
849 contributions to any ~~candidate, political committee, committee~~
850 ~~of continuous existence, or political party;~~

851 b. Accepts contributions for the purpose of expressly
852 advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or the passage
853 or defeat of an issue;

854 c. Makes expenditures that expressly advocate the election
855 or defeat of a candidate or the passage or defeat of an issue;
856 or

857 d. Makes contributions to a common fund, other than a
858 joint checking account between spouses, from which contributions
859 are made to any ~~candidate, political committee, committee of~~
860 ~~continuous existence, or political party.~~

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861 2. The sponsor of a proposed constitutional amendment by
862 initiative who intends to seek the signatures of registered
863 electors.

864 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the following entities
865 are not considered political committees for purposes of this
866 chapter:

867 1. ~~Organizations which are certified by the Department of~~
868 ~~State as committees of continuous existence pursuant to s.~~
869 ~~106.04,~~ National political parties, and the state and county
870 executive committees of political parties regulated by chapter
871 103.

872 2. Corporations regulated by chapter 607 or chapter 617 or
873 other business entities formed for purposes other than to
874 support or oppose issues or candidates, if their political
875 activities are limited to contributions to ~~candidates,~~ political
876 parties, or political committees or expenditures in support of
877 or opposition to an issue from corporate or business funds and
878 if no contributions are received by such corporations or
879 business entities.

880 ~~(2) "Committee of continuous existence" means any group,~~
881 ~~organization, association, or other such entity which is~~
882 ~~certified pursuant to the provisions of s. 106.04.~~

883 (2)~~(3)~~ "Contribution" means:

884 (a) A gift, subscription, conveyance, deposit, loan,
885 payment, or distribution of money or anything of value,
886 including contributions in kind having an attributable monetary
887 value in any form, made for the purpose of influencing the
888 results of an election.

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889 (b) A transfer of funds between political committees,
890 ~~between committees of continuous existence, or between a~~
891 ~~political committee and a committee of continuous existence.~~

892 (c) The payment, by any person other than a candidate or
893 political committee, of compensation for the personal services
894 of another person which are rendered to a candidate or political
895 committee without charge to the candidate or committee for such
896 services.

897 (d) The transfer of funds by a campaign treasurer or
898 deputy campaign treasurer between a primary depository and a
899 separate interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit, and
900 the term includes any interest earned on such account or
901 certificate.

902
903 Notwithstanding the foregoing meanings of "contribution," the
904 word shall not be construed to include services, including, but
905 not limited to, legal and accounting services, provided without
906 compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of
907 their time on behalf of a candidate or political committee. This
908 definition shall not be construed to include editorial
909 endorsements.

910 ~~(3)~~(4) "Expenditure" means a purchase, payment,
911 distribution, loan, advance, transfer of funds by a campaign
912 treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer between a primary
913 depository and a separate interest-bearing account or
914 certificate of deposit, or gift of money or anything of value
915 made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election.
916 However, "expenditure" does not include a purchase, payment,
917 distribution, loan, advance, or gift of money or anything of

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918 value made for the purpose of influencing the results of an
919 election when made by an organization, in existence prior to the
920 time during which a candidate qualifies or an issue is placed on
921 the ballot for that election, for the purpose of printing or
922 distributing such organization's newsletter, containing a
923 statement by such organization in support of or opposition to a
924 candidate or issue, which newsletter is distributed only to
925 members of such organization.

926 (4)~~(5)~~(a) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure
927 by a person for the purpose of advocating the election or defeat
928 of a candidate or the approval or rejection of an issue, which
929 expenditure is not controlled by, coordinated with, or made upon
930 consultation with, any candidate, political committee, or agent
931 of such candidate or committee. An expenditure for such purpose
932 by a person having a contract with the candidate, political
933 committee, or agent of such candidate or committee in a given
934 election period shall not be deemed an independent expenditure.

935 (b) An expenditure for the purpose of advocating the
936 election or defeat of a candidate which is made by the national,
937 state, or county executive committee of a political party,
938 including any subordinate committee of a national, state, or
939 county committee of a political party, or by any political
940 committee ~~or committee of continuous existence,~~ or any other
941 person, shall not be considered an independent expenditure if
942 the committee or person:

943 1. Communicates with the candidate, the candidate's
944 campaign, or an agent of the candidate acting on behalf of the
945 candidate, including any pollster, media consultant, advertising
946 agency, vendor, advisor, or staff member, concerning the

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947 preparation of, use of, or payment for, the specific expenditure
948 or advertising campaign at issue; or

949 2. Makes a payment in cooperation, consultation, or
950 concert with, at the request or suggestion of, or pursuant to
951 any general or particular understanding with the candidate, the
952 candidate's campaign, a political committee supporting the
953 candidate, or an agent of the candidate relating to the specific
954 expenditure or advertising campaign at issue; or

955 3. Makes a payment for the dissemination, distribution, or
956 republication, in whole or in part, of any broadcast or any
957 written, graphic, or other form of campaign material prepared by
958 the candidate, the candidate's campaign, or an agent of the
959 candidate, including any pollster, media consultant, advertising
960 agency, vendor, advisor, or staff member; or

961 4. Makes a payment based on information about the
962 candidate's plans, projects, or needs communicated to a member
963 of the committee or person by the candidate or an agent of the
964 candidate, provided the committee or person uses the information
965 in any way, in whole or in part, either directly or indirectly,
966 to design, prepare, or pay for the specific expenditure or
967 advertising campaign at issue; or

968 5. After the last day of qualifying for statewide or
969 legislative office, consults about the candidate's plans,
970 projects, or needs in connection with the candidate's pursuit of
971 election to office and the information is used in any way to
972 plan, create, design, or prepare an independent expenditure or
973 advertising campaign, with:

974 a. Any officer, director, employee, or agent of a
975 national, state, or county executive committee of a political

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976 party that has made or intends to make expenditures in
977 connection with ~~or contributions to~~ the candidate; or

978 b. Any person whose professional services have been
979 retained by a national, state, or county executive committee of
980 a political party that has made or intends to make expenditures
981 in connection with ~~or contributions to~~ the candidate; or

982 6. After the last day of qualifying for statewide or
983 legislative office, retains the professional services of any
984 person also providing those services to the candidate in
985 connection with the candidate's pursuit of election to office;
986 or

987 7. Arranges, coordinates, or directs the expenditure, in
988 any way, with the candidate or an agent of the candidate.

989 ~~(5)(6)~~ "Election" means any primary election, special
990 primary election, general election, special election, or
991 municipal election held in this state for the purpose of
992 nominating or electing candidates to public office, choosing
993 delegates to the national nominating conventions of political
994 parties, or submitting an issue to the electors for their
995 approval or rejection.

996 ~~(6)(7)~~ "Issue" means any proposition which is required by
997 the State Constitution, by law or resolution of the Legislature,
998 or by the charter, ordinance, or resolution of any political
999 subdivision of this state to be submitted to the electors for
1000 their approval or rejection at an election, or any proposition
1001 for which a petition is circulated in order to have such
1002 proposition placed on the ballot at any election.

1003 ~~(7)(8)~~ "Person" means an individual or a corporation,
1004 association, firm, partnership, joint venture, joint stock

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1005 company, club, organization, estate, trust, business trust,
1006 syndicate, or other combination of individuals having collective
1007 capacity. The term includes a political party or, political
1008 committee, ~~or committee of continuous existence.~~

1009 (8)~~(9)~~ "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed
1010 by a candidate or political committee as provided in this
1011 chapter.

1012 (9)~~(10)~~ "Public office" means any state, county,
1013 municipal, or school or other district office or position which
1014 is filled by vote of the electors.

1015 (10)~~(11)~~ "Campaign fund raiser" means any affair held to
1016 raise funds to be used in a campaign for public office.

1017 (11)~~(12)~~ "Division" means the Division of Elections of the
1018 Department of State.

1019 (12)~~(13)~~ "Communications media" means broadcasting
1020 stations, newspapers, magazines, outdoor advertising facilities,
1021 printers, direct mailing companies, advertising agencies, and
1022 telephone companies; but with respect to telephones, an
1023 expenditure shall be deemed to be an expenditure for the use of
1024 communications media only if made for the costs of telephones,
1025 paid telephonists, or automatic telephone equipment to be used
1026 by a candidate or a political committee to communicate with
1027 potential voters but excluding any costs of telephones incurred
1028 by a volunteer for use of telephones by such volunteer.

1029 (13)~~(14)~~ "Filing officer" means the person before whom a
1030 candidate qualifies or, the agency or officer with whom a
1031 political committee registers, ~~or the agency by whom a committee~~
1032 ~~of continuous existence is certified.~~

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1033 (14)~~(15)~~ "Unopposed candidate" means a candidate for
1034 nomination or election to an office who, after the last day on
1035 which any person, including a write-in candidate, may qualify,
1036 is without opposition in the election at which the office is to
1037 be filled or who is without such opposition after such date as a
1038 result of any primary election or of withdrawal by other
1039 candidates seeking the same office. A candidate is not an
1040 unopposed candidate if there is a vacancy to be filled under s.
1041 100.111(4), if there is a legal proceeding pending regarding the
1042 right to a ballot position for the office sought by the
1043 candidate, or if the candidate is seeking retention as a justice
1044 or judge.

1045 (15)~~(16)~~ "Candidate" means any person to whom any one or
1046 more of the following apply:

1047 (a) Any person who seeks to qualify for nomination or
1048 election by means of the petitioning process.

1049 (b) Any person who seeks to qualify for election as a
1050 write-in candidate.

1051 (c) Any person who receives contributions or makes
1052 expenditures, or consents for any other person to receive
1053 contributions or make expenditures, with a view to bring about
1054 his or her nomination or election to, or retention in, public
1055 office.

1056 (d) Any person who appoints a treasurer and designates a
1057 primary depository.

1058 (e) Any person who files qualification papers and
1059 subscribes to a candidate's oath as required by law.

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1061 However, this definition does not include any candidate for a
1062 political party executive committee.

1063 (16)(a)~~(17)~~ "Political advertisement" means a paid
1064 expression in any communications media prescribed in subsection
1065 (12) ~~(13)~~, whether radio, television, newspaper, magazine,
1066 periodical, campaign literature, direct mail, or display or by
1067 means other than the spoken word in direct conversation, which
1068 shall support or oppose any candidate, elected public official,
1069 or issue. In addition, an advertisement is presumed to be a
1070 political advertisement if it is a paid expression in any
1071 communications media described in subsection (12), whether
1072 radio, television, newspaper, magazine, periodical, campaign
1073 literature, direct mail, or display or by means other than the
1074 spoken word in direct conversation, which substantially mentions
1075 or shows a clearly identifiable candidate for election or
1076 reelection and is distributed at any point during the period
1077 following the last day of qualifying for that candidacy through
1078 the ensuing general election and which, when examined by a
1079 reasonable person, would be understood as a communication made
1080 for the purpose of influencing the results of an election on
1081 that candidacy during that period and for which aggregate
1082 expenditures on like advertisements exceed \$1,000.

1083 (b) ~~However,~~ "Political advertisement" does not include:

1084 1.(a) A statement by an organization, in existence prior
1085 to the time during which a candidate qualifies or an issue is
1086 placed on the ballot for that election, in support of or
1087 opposition to a candidate or issue, in that organization's
1088 newsletter, which newsletter is distributed only to the members
1089 of that organization.

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1090 2.(b) Editorial endorsements by any newspaper, radio or
1091 television station, or other recognized news medium.

1092 3. A paid expression in any communications media which
1093 mentions or shows a clearly identifiable candidate for election
1094 or reelection which:

1095 a. Advertises a business rather than the candidate, is
1096 paid for out of funds of that business, and is similar to other
1097 advertisements for that business which have mentioned or shown
1098 the candidate and have been distributed regularly over a period
1099 of at least 1 year before the qualifying period for that
1100 candidacy; or

1101 b. Is distributed or broadcast only to areas other than
1102 the geographical area of the electorate for that candidacy.

1103 Section 83. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (1),
1104 paragraph (a) of subsection (4), and subsection (7) of section
1105 106.07, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1106 106.07 Reports; certification and filing.--

1107 (1) Each campaign treasurer designated by a candidate or
1108 political committee pursuant to s. 106.021 shall file regular
1109 reports of all contributions received, and all expenditures
1110 made, by or on behalf of such candidate or political committee.
1111 Reports shall be filed on the 10th day following the end of each
1112 calendar quarter from the time the campaign treasurer is
1113 appointed, except that, if the 10th day following the end of a
1114 calendar quarter occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday,
1115 the report shall be filed on the next following day which is not
1116 a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Quarterly reports shall
1117 include all contributions received and expenditures made during

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1118 the calendar quarter which have not otherwise been reported
1119 pursuant to this section.

1120 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), following the
1121 last day of qualifying for office, the reports shall be filed on
1122 the 32nd, 18th, and 4th days immediately preceding the first
1123 primary and on the 18th and 4th days immediately preceding the
1124 second primary and general election, for a candidate who is
1125 opposed in seeking nomination or election to any office or for
1126 a political committee, ~~or for a committee of continuous~~
1127 ~~existence.~~

1128 (d)1. When a special election is called to fill a vacancy
1129 in office, all political committees ~~and committees of continuous~~
1130 ~~existence~~ making contributions or expenditures to influence the
1131 results of such special election shall file campaign treasurers'
1132 reports with the filing officer on the dates set by the
1133 Department of State pursuant to s. 100.111.

1134 2. When an election is called for an issue to appear on
1135 the ballot at a time when no candidates are scheduled to appear
1136 on the ballot, all political committees making contributions or
1137 expenditures in support of or in opposition to such issue shall
1138 file reports on the 18th and 4th days prior to such election.

1139 (4)(a) Each report required by this section shall contain:

1140 1. The full name, address, and occupation, if any of each
1141 person who has made one or more contributions to or for such
1142 committee or candidate within the reporting period, together
1143 with the amount and date of such contributions. For
1144 corporations, the report must provide as clear a description as
1145 practicable of the principal type of business conducted by the
1146 corporation. However, if the contribution is \$100 or less or is

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1147 from a relative, as defined in s. 112.312, provided that the
1148 relationship is reported, the occupation of the contributor or
1149 the principal type of business need not be listed.

1150 2. The name and address of each political committee from
1151 which the reporting committee ~~or the candidate~~ received, or to
1152 which the reporting committee or candidate made, any transfer of
1153 funds, together with the amounts and dates of all transfers.

1154 3. Each loan for campaign purposes to or from any person
1155 or political committee within the reporting period, together
1156 with the full names, addresses, and occupations, and principal
1157 places of business, if any, of the lender and endorsers, if any,
1158 and the date and amount of such loans.

1159 4. A statement of each contribution, rebate, refund, or
1160 other receipt not otherwise listed under subparagraphs 1.
1161 through 3.

1162 5. The total sums of all loans, in-kind contributions, and
1163 other receipts by or for such committee or candidate during the
1164 reporting period. The reporting forms shall be designed to
1165 elicit separate totals for in-kind contributions, loans, and
1166 other receipts.

1167 6. The full name and address of each person to whom
1168 expenditures have been made by or on behalf of the committee or
1169 candidate within the reporting period; the amount, date, and
1170 purpose of each such expenditure; and the name and address of,
1171 and office sought by, each candidate on whose behalf such
1172 expenditure was made. However, expenditures made from the petty
1173 cash fund provided by s. 106.12 need not be reported
1174 individually.

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1175 7. The full name and address of each person to whom an
1176 expenditure for personal services, salary, or reimbursement for
1177 authorized expenses as provided in s. 106.021(3) has been made
1178 and which is not otherwise reported, including the amount, date,
1179 and purpose of such expenditure. However, expenditures made from
1180 the petty cash fund provided for in s. 106.12 need not be
1181 reported individually.

1182 8. The total amount withdrawn and the total amount spent
1183 for petty cash purposes pursuant to this chapter during the
1184 reporting period.

1185 9. The total sum of expenditures made by such committee or
1186 candidate during the reporting period.

1187 10. The amount and nature of debts and obligations owed by
1188 or to the committee or candidate, which relate to the conduct of
1189 any political campaign.

1190 11. A copy of each credit card statement which shall be
1191 included in the next report following receipt thereof by the
1192 candidate or political committee. Receipts for each credit card
1193 purchase shall be retained by the treasurer with the records for
1194 the campaign account.

1195 12. The amount and nature of any separate interest-bearing
1196 accounts or certificates of deposit and identification of the
1197 financial institution in which such accounts or certificates of
1198 deposit are located.

1199 (7) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter,
1200 in any reporting period during which a candidate or, political
1201 committee, ~~or committee of continuous existence~~ has not received
1202 funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds,
1203 the filing of the required report for that period is waived.

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1204 However, the next report filed must specify that the report
1205 covers the entire period between the last submitted report and
1206 the report being filed, and any candidate or political
1207 committee, ~~or committee of continuous existence~~ not reporting by
1208 virtue of this subsection on dates prescribed elsewhere in this
1209 chapter shall notify the filing officer in writing on the
1210 prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that
1211 date.

1212 Section 84. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section
1213 106.082, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1214 106.082 Commissioner of Agriculture candidates; campaign
1215 contribution limits.--

1216 (1) No director, officer, or lobbyist of a business which
1217 is inspected, licensed, or otherwise authorized to do business
1218 as a food outlet or convenience store pursuant to chapter 500+
1219 ~~or any director, officer, lobbyist, or controlling interest of~~
1220 ~~that business; and no political committee or committee of~~
1221 ~~continuous existence representing the interests of such business~~
1222 shall make or solicit a contribution in excess of \$100, for any
1223 election, to or on behalf of any candidate for the office of
1224 Commissioner of Agriculture. The provisions of this subsection
1225 shall not prevent any candidate for the office of Commissioner
1226 of Agriculture or members of that candidate's immediate family
1227 from contributing to that candidate's campaign as otherwise
1228 permitted by law.

1229 (2) No candidate for the office of Commissioner of
1230 Agriculture may solicit or accept a campaign contribution in
1231 excess of \$100 from any director, officer, or lobbyist of a
1232 business which ~~or person who~~ is licensed or inspected or

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1233 otherwise authorized to do business as a food outlet or
1234 convenience store pursuant to chapter 500; ~~or any director,~~
1235 ~~officer, lobbyist, or controlling interest of that person or~~
1236 ~~business; or any political committee or committee of continuous~~
1237 ~~existence that represents that person.~~

1238 (3) No employee of the Department of Agriculture may
1239 solicit a campaign contribution for any candidate for the office
1240 of Commissioner of Agriculture from any director, officer, or
1241 lobbyist of a person or business which ~~who~~ is licensed,
1242 inspected, or otherwise authorized to do business as a food
1243 outlet or convenience store pursuant to chapter 500; ~~or any~~
1244 ~~director, officer, lobbyist, or controlling interest of that~~
1245 ~~person; or any political committee or committee of continuous~~
1246 ~~existence that represents that person.~~ For purposes of this
1247 section, "employee of the department" means any person employed
1248 in the Department of Agriculture holding a position in the
1249 Senior Management Service as defined in s. 110.402; any person
1250 holding a position in the Selected Exempt Service as defined in
1251 s. 110.602; any person having authority over food outlet or
1252 convenience store regulation, or inspection supervision; or any
1253 person, hired on a contractual basis, having the power normally
1254 conferred upon such person, by whatever title.

1255 Section 85. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
1256 (2) of section 106.087, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1257 106.087 Independent expenditures; contribution limits;
1258 restrictions on political parties and, ~~political committees, and~~
1259 ~~committees of continuous existence.--~~

1260 (1)(a) As a condition of receiving a rebate of filing fees
1261 and party assessment funds pursuant to s. 99.061(2), s.

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1262 99.092(1), s. 99.103, or s. 103.121(1)(b), the chair or
 1263 treasurer of a state or county executive committee shall take
 1264 and subscribe to an oath or affirmation in writing. During the
 1265 qualifying period for state candidates and prior to distribution
 1266 of such funds, a printed copy of the oath or affirmation shall
 1267 be filed with the Secretary of State and shall be substantially
 1268 in the following form:

1269
 1270 State of Florida
 1271 County of_____

1272 Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths,
 1273 personally appeared ... (name) ..., to me well known, who,
 1274 being sworn, says that he or she is the ... (title) ... of the
 1275 ... (name of party) ... (state or specified county) ...
 1276 executive committee; that the executive committee has not made,
 1277 either directly or indirectly, an independent expenditure in
 1278 support of or opposition to a candidate or elected public
 1279 official in the prior 6 months; that the executive committee
 1280 will not make, either directly or indirectly, an independent
 1281 expenditure in support of or opposition to a candidate or
 1282 elected public official, through and including the upcoming
 1283 general election; and that the executive committee will not
 1284 violate the contribution limits applicable to candidates under
 1285 s. 106.08(3)(2), Florida Statutes.

1286 ... (Signature of committee officer) ...
 1287 ... (Address) ...

1288
 1289 Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, ...
 1290 (year) ..., at _____ County, Florida.

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1291 ... (Signature and title of officer administering oath) ...

1292

1293 (2)(a) Any political committee ~~or committee of continuous~~
1294 ~~existence~~ that accepts the use of public funds, equipment,
1295 personnel, or other resources to collect dues from its members
1296 agrees not to make independent expenditures in support of or
1297 opposition to a candidate or elected public official. However,
1298 expenditures may be made for the sole purpose of jointly
1299 endorsing three or more candidates.

1300 (b) Any political committee ~~or committee of continuous~~
1301 ~~existence~~ that violates this subsection is liable for a civil
1302 fine of up to \$5,000 to be determined by the Florida Elections
1303 Commission or the entire amount of the expenditures, whichever
1304 is greater.

1305 Section 86. Subsection (3) of section 106.12, Florida
1306 Statutes, is amended to read:

1307 106.12 Petty cash funds allowed.--

1308 (3) The petty cash fund so provided shall be spent only in
1309 amounts less than \$100 and only for office supplies,
1310 transportation expenses, and other necessities. Petty cash shall
1311 not be used for the purchase of time, space, or services from
1312 communications media as defined in s. 106.011(12)(13).

1313 Section 87. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
1314 106.147, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1315 106.147 Telephone solicitation; disclosure requirements;
1316 prohibitions; exemptions; penalties.--

1317 (3)

1318 (b) For purposes of paragraph (a), the term "person"
1319 includes any candidate; any officer of any political committee,

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1320 ~~committee of continuous existence~~, or political party executive
1321 committee; any officer, partner, attorney, or other
1322 representative of a corporation, partnership, or other business
1323 entity; and any agent or other person acting on behalf of any
1324 candidate, political committee, ~~committee of continuous~~
1325 ~~existence~~, political party executive committee, or corporation,
1326 partnership, or other business entity.

1327 Section 88. Section 106.148, Florida Statutes, is amended
1328 to read:

1329 106.148 Disclosure of on-line computer solicitation.--A
1330 message placed on an information system accessible by computer
1331 by a candidate, political party, or political committee, ~~or~~
1332 ~~committee of continuous existence~~, or an agent of any such
1333 candidate, party, or committee, which message is accessible by
1334 more than one person, other than an internal communication of
1335 the party, committee, or campaign, must include a statement
1336 disclosing all information required of political advertisements
1337 under s. 106.143.

1338 Section 89. Subsection (2) of section 106.23, Florida
1339 Statutes, is amended to read:

1340 106.23 Powers of the Division of Elections.--

1341 (2) The Division of Elections shall provide advisory
1342 opinions when requested by any supervisor of elections,
1343 candidate, local officer having election-related duties,
1344 political party, political committee, ~~committee of continuous~~
1345 ~~existence~~, or other person or organization engaged in political
1346 activity, relating to any provisions or possible violations of
1347 Florida election laws with respect to actions such supervisor,
1348 candidate, local officer having election-related duties,

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1349 political party, committee, person, or organization has taken or
1350 proposes to take. Requests for advisory opinions must be
1351 submitted in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of
1352 State. A written record of all such opinions issued by the
1353 division, sequentially numbered, dated, and indexed by subject
1354 matter, shall be retained. A copy shall be sent to said person
1355 or organization upon request. Any such person or organization,
1356 acting in good faith upon such an advisory opinion, shall not be
1357 subject to any criminal penalty provided for in this chapter.
1358 The opinion, until amended or revoked, shall be binding on any
1359 person or organization who sought the opinion or with reference
1360 to whom the opinion was sought, unless material facts were
1361 omitted or misstated in the request for the advisory opinion.

1362 Section 90. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 106.265,
1363 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1364 106.265 Civil penalties.--

1365 (1) The commission is authorized upon the finding of a
1366 violation of this chapter or chapter 104 to impose civil
1367 penalties in the form of fines not to exceed \$1,000 per count.
1368 In determining the amount of such civil penalties, the
1369 commission shall consider, among other mitigating and
1370 aggravating circumstances:

1371 (a) The gravity of the act or omission;

1372 (b) Any previous history of similar acts or omissions;

1373 (c) The appropriateness of such penalty to the financial
1374 resources of the person, political committee, ~~committee of~~
1375 ~~continuous existence~~, or political party; and

1376 (d) Whether the person, political committee, ~~committee of~~
1377 ~~continuous existence~~, or political party has shown good faith in

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1378 attempting to comply with the provisions of this chapter or
1379 chapter 104.

1380 (2) If any person, political committee, ~~committee of~~
1381 ~~continuous existence~~, or political party fails or refuses to pay
1382 to the commission any civil penalties assessed pursuant to the
1383 provisions of this section, the commission shall be responsible
1384 for collecting the civil penalties resulting from such action.

1385 Section 91. Subsection (2) of section 106.27, Florida
1386 Statutes, is amended to read:

1387 106.27 Determinations by commission; legal disposition.--

1388 (2) Civil actions may be brought by the commission for
1389 relief, including permanent or temporary injunctions,
1390 restraining orders, or any other appropriate order for the
1391 imposition of civil penalties provided by this chapter. Such
1392 civil actions shall be brought by the commission in the
1393 appropriate court of competent jurisdiction, and the venue shall
1394 be in the county in which the alleged violation occurred or in
1395 which the alleged violator or violators are found, reside, or
1396 transact business. Upon a proper showing that such person,
1397 political committee, ~~committee of continuous existence~~, or
1398 political party has engaged, or is about to engage, in
1399 prohibited acts or practices, a permanent or temporary
1400 injunction, restraining order, or other order shall be granted
1401 without bond by such court, and the civil fines provided by this
1402 chapter may be imposed.

1403 Section 92. Subsection (6) of section 106.29, Florida
1404 Statutes, is amended to read:

1405 106.29 Reports by political parties; restrictions on
1406 contributions and expenditures; penalties.--

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1407 (6)(a) The national, state, and county executive
1408 committees of a political party may not contribute to any
1409 candidate any amount in excess of the limits contained in s.
1410 106.08(3)(2), and all contributions required to be reported
1411 under s. 106.08(2) by the national executive committee of a
1412 political party shall be reported by the state executive
1413 committee of that political party.

1414 (b) A violation of the contribution limits contained in s.
1415 106.08(3)(2) is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as
1416 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A civil penalty equal to
1417 three times the amount in excess of the limits contained in s.
1418 106.08(3)(2) shall be assessed against any executive committee
1419 found in violation thereof.

1420 Section 93. Section 106.33, Florida Statutes, is amended
1421 to read:

1422 106.33 Election campaign financing; eligibility.--Each
1423 candidate for the office of Governor or member of the Cabinet
1424 who desires to receive contributions from the Election Campaign
1425 Financing Trust Fund shall, upon qualifying for office, file a
1426 request for such contributions with the filing officer on forms
1427 provided by the Division of Elections. If a candidate requesting
1428 contributions from the fund desires to have such funds
1429 distributed by electronic fund transfers, the request shall
1430 include information necessary to implement that procedure. For
1431 the purposes of ss. 106.30-106.36, candidates for Governor and
1432 Lieutenant Governor on the same ticket shall be considered as a
1433 single candidate. To be eligible to receive contributions from
1434 the fund, a candidate may not be an unopposed candidate as
1435 defined in s. 106.011(14)(15) and must:

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1436 (1) Agree to abide by the expenditure limits provided in
1437 s. 106.34.

1438 (2)(a) Raise contributions as follows:

1439 1. One hundred fifty thousand dollars for a candidate for
1440 Governor.

1441 2. One hundred thousand dollars for a candidate for
1442 Cabinet office.

1443 (b) Contributions from individuals who at the time of
1444 contributing are not state residents may not be used to meet the
1445 threshold amounts in paragraph (a). For purposes of this
1446 paragraph, any person validly registered to vote in this state
1447 shall be considered a state resident.

1448 (3) Limit loans or contributions from the candidate's
1449 personal funds to \$25,000 and contributions from national,
1450 state, and county executive committees of a political party to
1451 \$25,000 in the aggregate, which loans or contributions shall not
1452 qualify for meeting the threshold amounts in subsection (2).

1453 (4) Submit to a postelection audit of the campaign account
1454 by the division.

1455 Section 94. Section 111.075, Florida Statutes, is amended
1456 to read:

1457 111.075 Elected officials; prohibition concerning
1458 political ~~certain~~ committees.--Elected officials are prohibited
1459 from being employed by, or acting as a consultant for
1460 compensation to, a political committee ~~or committee of~~
1461 ~~continuous existence.~~

1462 Section 95. Subsections (3) and (4) and paragraph (a) of
1463 subsection (5) of section 112.3148, Florida Statutes, are
1464 amended to read:

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1465 112.3148 Reporting and prohibited receipt of gifts by
1466 individuals filing full or limited public disclosure of
1467 financial interests and by procurement employees.--

1468 (3) A reporting individual or procurement employee is
1469 prohibited from soliciting any gift from a political committee
1470 ~~or committee of continuous existence~~, as defined in s. 106.011,
1471 or from a lobbyist who lobbies the reporting individual's or
1472 procurement employee's agency, or the partner, firm, employer,
1473 or principal of such lobbyist, where such gift is for the
1474 personal benefit of the reporting individual or procurement
1475 employee, another reporting individual or procurement employee,
1476 or any member of the immediate family of a reporting individual
1477 or procurement employee.

1478 (4) A reporting individual or procurement employee or any
1479 other person on his or her behalf is prohibited from knowingly
1480 accepting, directly or indirectly, a gift from a political
1481 committee ~~or committee of continuous existence~~, as defined in s.
1482 106.011, or from a lobbyist who lobbies the reporting
1483 individual's or procurement employee's agency, or directly or
1484 indirectly on behalf of the partner, firm, employer, or
1485 principal of a lobbyist, if he or she knows or reasonably
1486 believes that the gift has a value in excess of \$100; however,
1487 such a gift may be accepted by such person on behalf of a
1488 governmental entity or a charitable organization. If the gift is
1489 accepted on behalf of a governmental entity or charitable
1490 organization, the person receiving the gift shall not maintain
1491 custody of the gift for any period of time beyond that
1492 reasonably necessary to arrange for the transfer of custody and
1493 ownership of the gift.

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1494 (5)(a) A political committee ~~or a committee of continuous~~
1495 ~~existence~~, as defined in s. 106.011; a lobbyist who lobbies a
1496 reporting individual's or procurement employee's agency; the
1497 partner, firm, employer, or principal of a lobbyist; or another
1498 on behalf of the lobbyist or partner, firm, principal, or
1499 employer of the lobbyist is prohibited from giving, either
1500 directly or indirectly, a gift that has a value in excess of
1501 \$100 to the reporting individual or procurement employee or any
1502 other person on his or her behalf; however, such person may give
1503 a gift having a value in excess of \$100 to a reporting
1504 individual or procurement employee if the gift is intended to be
1505 transferred to a governmental entity or a charitable
1506 organization.

1507 Section 96. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 112.3149,
1508 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1509 112.3149 Solicitation and disclosure of honoraria.--

1510 (3) A reporting individual or procurement employee is
1511 prohibited from knowingly accepting an honorarium from a
1512 political committee ~~or committee of continuous existence~~, as
1513 defined in s. 106.011, from a lobbyist who lobbies the reporting
1514 individual's or procurement employee's agency, or from the
1515 employer, principal, partner, or firm of such a lobbyist.

1516 (4) A political committee ~~or committee of continuous~~
1517 ~~existence~~, as defined in s. 106.011, a lobbyist who lobbies a
1518 reporting individual's or procurement employee's agency, or the
1519 employer, principal, partner, or firm of such a lobbyist is
1520 prohibited from giving an honorarium to a reporting individual
1521 or procurement employee.

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1522 Section 97. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section
1523 627.0623, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1524 627.0623 Restrictions on expenditures and solicitations of
1525 insurers and affiliates.--

1526 (2) No ~~insurer, affiliate, or~~ officer of an insurer or
1527 ~~affiliate, and no political committee or committee of continuous~~
1528 ~~existence representing the interests of such insurer, affiliate,~~
1529 ~~or officer~~ shall make a contribution in excess of \$100, for any
1530 election, to or on behalf of the Treasurer or to or on behalf of
1531 any candidate for the office of Treasurer. The provisions of
1532 this subsection shall not prevent any candidate or members of
1533 that candidate's family from contributing to that candidate's
1534 campaign as otherwise permitted by law.

1535 (3) The Treasurer or a candidate for the office of
1536 Treasurer may not accept a campaign contribution in excess of
1537 \$100 from any ~~insurer, affiliate, or~~ officer of an insurer or
1538 ~~affiliate, or any political committee or committee of continuous~~
1539 ~~existence that represents such insurer, affiliate, or officer.~~

1540 (4) No employee of the department may solicit a campaign
1541 contribution for the Treasurer or any candidate for the office
1542 of Treasurer from any ~~insurer, affiliate, or~~ officer of an
1543 insurer or affiliate, ~~or any political committee or committee of~~
1544 ~~continuous existence that represents such insurer, affiliate, or~~
1545 ~~officer~~. For purposes of this section, "employee of the
1546 department" means any person employed in the Department of
1547 Insurance or the Treasurer's office holding a position in the
1548 Senior Management Service as defined in s. 110.402; any person
1549 holding a position in the Selected Exempt Service as defined in
1550 s. 110.602; any person having authority over insurance policy,

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1551 regulation, or supervision; or any person hired on a contractual
1552 basis, having the power normally conferred upon such person, by
1553 whatever title.

1554 Section 98. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section
1555 655.019, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1556 655.019 Campaign contributions; limitations.--

1557 (1) Notwithstanding the limits provided in s. 106.08, no
1558 ~~financial institution which is licensed or otherwise authorized~~
1559 ~~to do business pursuant to chapters 655-665, nor an officer,~~
1560 ~~executive officer, affiliate, subsidiary or service corporation~~
1561 of a financial institution that is licensed or otherwise
1562 authorized to do business pursuant to chapters 655-665, ~~and no~~
1563 ~~political committee or committee of continuous existence~~
1564 ~~representing the interests of such financial institution~~ shall
1565 make a contribution in excess of \$100, for any election, to or
1566 on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer Comptroller or any
1567 candidate for the office of Chief Financial Officer Comptroller.
1568 The provisions of this subsection shall not prevent any
1569 candidate or members of that candidate's immediate family from
1570 contributing to that candidate's campaign as otherwise permitted
1571 by law.

1572 (2) The Chief Financial Officer Comptroller or candidate
1573 for the office of Chief Financial Officer Comptroller may not
1574 accept a campaign contribution in excess of \$100 from any
1575 officer of a financial institution which is licensed or
1576 otherwise authorized to do business pursuant to chapters 655-
1577 665, ~~or an officer, executive officer, affiliate, subsidiary or~~
1578 ~~service corporation of such financial institution, or any~~

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1579 ~~political committee or committee of continuous existence that~~
1580 ~~represents that financial institution.~~

1581 (3) No employee of the department may solicit a campaign
1582 contribution for the Chief Financial Officer ~~Comptroller~~ or any
1583 candidate for the office of Chief Financial Officer ~~the~~
1584 ~~Comptroller~~ from any director, officer, employee, agent,
1585 retained legal counsel, lobbyist, or partner of a financial
1586 institution that person who is licensed or otherwise authorized
1587 to do business by the department or that ~~who~~ has an application
1588 pending for licensure or other authorization to do business
1589 pending with the department, ~~or any director, officer, employee,~~
1590 ~~agent, retained legal counsel, lobbyist, or partner or affiliate~~
1591 ~~of that person or any political committee or committee of~~
1592 ~~continuous existence that represents that person.~~ For purposes
1593 of this section, "employee of the department" means any person
1594 employed in the department or the Chief Financial Officer's
1595 ~~Comptroller's~~ office holding a position in the Senior Management
1596 Service as defined in s. 110.402; any person holding a position
1597 in the Selected Exempt Service as defined in s. 110.602; any
1598 person having authority over institution policy, regulation, or
1599 supervision; or any person hired on a contractual basis, having
1600 the power normally conferred upon such person, by whatever
1601 title.

1602 Section 99. Subsection (4) of section 1004.28, Florida
1603 Statutes, is amended to read:

1604 1004.28 Direct-support organizations; use of property;
1605 board of directors; activities; audit; facilities.--

1606 (4) ACTIVITIES; RESTRICTION.--A university direct-support
1607 organization is prohibited from giving, either directly or

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1608 indirectly, any gift to a political committee ~~or committee of~~
1609 ~~continuous existence~~ as defined in s. 106.011 for any purpose
1610 other than those certified by a majority roll call vote of the
1611 governing board of the direct-support organization at a
1612 regularly scheduled meeting as being directly related to the
1613 educational mission of the university.

1614 Section 100. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section
1615 1004.70, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1616 1004.70 Community college direct-support organizations.--

1617 (4) ACTIVITIES; RESTRICTIONS.--

1618 (d) A community college direct-support organization is
1619 prohibited from giving, either directly or indirectly, any gift
1620 to a political committee ~~or committee of continuous existence~~ as
1621 defined in s. 106.011 for any purpose other than those certified
1622 by a majority roll call vote of the governing board of the
1623 direct-support organization at a regularly scheduled meeting as
1624 being directly related to the educational mission of the
1625 community college.

1626 Section 101. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
1627 1004.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1628 1004.71 Statewide community college direct-support
1629 organizations.--

1630 (4) RESTRICTIONS.--

1631 (c) A statewide community college direct-support
1632 organization is prohibited from giving, either directly or
1633 indirectly, any gift to a political committee ~~or committee of~~
1634 ~~continuous existence~~ as defined in s. 106.011 for any purpose
1635 other than those certified by a majority roll call vote of the
1636 governing board of the direct-support organization at a

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1637 regularly scheduled meeting as being directly related to the
1638 educational mission of the State Board of Education.

1639 Section 101. Subsection (3) of section 106.32, Florida
1640 Statutes, is repealed.

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1644 Between line(s) 134 and 135, insert:

1645 amending s. 97.055, F.S.; eliminating the book-closing period
1646 for voter registration; providing registration and changes in
1647 registration at the polls on election day; amending ss. 97.021,
1648 97.053, 97.071, 98.065, 98.081, 98.231, 101.045, and 101.663,
1649 F.S., to conform; repealing s. 97.0555, F.S., relating to late
1650 registration, to conform; amending s. 100.011, F.S.; delaying
1651 the closing of the polls; amending ss. 101.65 and 101.67, F.S.,
1652 relating to instructions to and ballots from absent electors, to
1653 conform; amending s. 101.657, F.S.; revising provisions relating
1654 to absentee voting; allowing for weekend voting; requiring the
1655 supervisor of elections to provide additional locations for
1656 absentee voting; providing for the use of mobile voting units;
1657 amending s. 101.048, F.S.; authorizing the use of provisional
1658 ballots during early voting; amending s. 97.021, F.S.;
1659 redefining "provisional ballot," to conform; amending s.
1660 101.151, F.S.; restricting the length of ballots; amending s.
1661 106.161, F.S.; requiring broadcast television and radio stations
1662 to provide certain free air time to candidates for public
1663 office; creating a task force to rebut false or inaccurate
1664 statements in political campaigns; amending s. 110.117, F.S.;
1665 making General Election Day a paid holiday observed by all state

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1666 branches and agencies; reenacting s. 683.01(1)(r), F.S.,
1667 relating to the designation of General Election Day as a legal
1668 holiday; amending s. 106.08, F.S.; prohibiting political
1669 committees from making contributions to candidates for election
1670 to or retention in office; providing a limit to contributions to
1671 state and county executive committees of political parties;
1672 removing provisions relating to nonallocable items for purposes
1673 of limits on contributions from political party committees and a
1674 related reporting requirement; providing penalties; amending s.
1675 106.021, F.S.; prohibiting an individual from being appointed
1676 and serving as campaign treasurer for a candidate and a
1677 political committee or any combination of candidates and
1678 political committees; amending s. 106.03, F.S.; requiring a
1679 political committee to report information relating to any
1680 candidate or political party the committee opposes; repealing s.
1681 106.04, F.S., relating to committees of continuous existence;
1682 amending ss. 98.095, 98.0979, 101.62, 102.031, 106.07, 106.082,
1683 106.087, 106.12, 106.147, 106.148, 106.23, 106.265, 106.27,
1684 106.29, 106.33, 111.075, 112.3148, 112.3149, 627.0623, 655.019,
1685 1004.28, 1004.70, and 1004.71, F.S.; removing or correcting
1686 references, to conform; amending s. 106.011, F.S.; revising and
1687 removing definitions, to conform; expanding the definition of
1688 "political advertisement"; repealing s. 106.32(3), F.S.,
1689 relating to deposit of certain obsolete assessments, to conform;