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Representative Gottlieb offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between line(s) 228 and 229, insert:

Section 9. 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49 the election shall be considered obviated or superseded by the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 10. 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 11. 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 12. Section 97.0555, Florida Statutes, is
86 repealed.

87 Section 13. 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 14. 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 15. 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 16. 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 17. 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:~~

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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 18. 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 19. 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 20. 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 21. 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 22. 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 23. 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 24. 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 25. 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 26. 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 27. 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 28. 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 29. 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 30. 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 31. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and subsection
720 (3) of section 106.021, Florida Statutes, are 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 (3) Except for independent expenditures, no contribution
736 or expenditure, including contributions or expenditures of a
737 candidate or of the candidate's family, shall be directly or
738 indirectly made or received in furtherance of the candidacy of
739 any person for nomination or election to political office in the
740 state or on behalf of any political committee except through the
741 duly appointed campaign treasurer of the candidate or political
742 committee; however, a candidate or any other individual may be
743 reimbursed for expenses incurred for travel, food and beverage,
744 office supplies, and mementos expressing gratitude to campaign
745 supporters by a check drawn upon the campaign account and
746 reported pursuant to s. 106.07(4). ~~In addition, expenditures may~~
747 ~~be made directly by any political committee or political party~~

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748 ~~regulated by chapter 103 for obtaining time, space, or services~~
749 ~~in or by any communications medium for the purpose of jointly~~
750 ~~endorsing three or more candidates, and any such expenditure~~
751 ~~shall not be considered a contribution or expenditure to or on~~
752 ~~behalf of any such candidates for the purposes of this chapter.~~

753 Section 32. Subsection (2) of section 106.03, Florida
754 Statutes, is amended to read:

755 106.03 Registration of political committees.--

756 (2) The statement of organization shall include:

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

758 (b) The names, addresses, and relationships of affiliated
759 or connected organizations;

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

761 (d) The name, address, and position of the custodian of
762 books and accounts;

763 (e) The name, address, and position of other principal
764 officers, including officers and members of the finance
765 committee, if any;

766 (f) The name, address, office sought, and party
767 affiliation of:

768 1. Each candidate whom the committee is supporting or
769 opposing;

770 2. Any other individual, if any, whom the committee is
771 supporting or opposing for nomination for election, or election,
772 to any public office whatever;

773 (g) Any issue or issues such organization is supporting or
774 opposing;

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

778 (i) A statement of whether the committee is a continuing
779 one;

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

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

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

787 Section 33. Section 106.04, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

788 Section 34. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
789 98.095, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

790 98.095 County registers open to inspection; copies.--

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

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

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797 Such information shall not be used for commercial purposes. No
798 person to whom a list of registered voters is made available
799 pursuant to this section, and no person who acquires such a
800 list, shall use any information contained therein for purposes
801 which are not related to elections, political or governmental
802 activities, voter registration, or law enforcement.

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803 Section 35. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
804 98.0979, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

805 98.0979 Statewide voter registration database open to
806 inspection; copies.--

807 (2) The information provided by the division or supervisor
808 of elections pursuant to this section shall be furnished only
809 to:

810 (d) Registered political committees, ~~certified committees~~
811 ~~of continuous existence~~, and political parties or officials
812 thereof, for political purposes only; and

813 Section 36. Subsection (3) of section 101.62, Florida
814 Statutes, is amended to read:

815 101.62 Request for absentee ballots.--

816 (3) For each request for an absentee ballot received, the
817 supervisor shall record the date the request was made, the date
818 the absentee ballot was delivered or mailed, the date the ballot
819 was received by the supervisor, and such other information he or
820 she may deem necessary. This information shall be confidential
821 and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and shall be made
822 available to or reproduced only for a canvassing board, an
823 election official, a political party or official thereof, a
824 candidate who has filed qualification papers and is opposed in
825 an upcoming election, and registered political committees ~~or~~
826 ~~registered committees of continuous existence~~, for political
827 purposes only.

828 Section 37. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
829 102.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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830 102.031 Maintenance of good order at polls; authorities;
831 persons allowed in polling rooms; unlawful solicitation of
832 voters.--

833 (3)

834 (c) No person, political committee, ~~committee of~~
835 ~~continuous existence~~, or other group or organization may solicit
836 voters within 50 feet of the entrance to any polling place, or
837 polling room where the polling place is also a polling room, on
838 the day of any election.

839 1. Solicitation shall not be restricted if:

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

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

847 c. Conducted on property within the 50-foot zone which is
848 a residence, established business, private property, sidewalk,
849 park, or property traditionally utilized as a public area for
850 discussion.

851 2. Solicitation shall not be permitted within the 50-foot
852 zone on a public sidewalk or other similar means of access to
853 the polling room if it is clearly identifiable to the poll
854 workers that the solicitation is impeding, obstructing, or
855 interfering with voter access to the polling room or polling
856 place.

857 Section 38. Section 106.011, Florida Statutes, is amended
858 to read:

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859 106.011 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the
860 following terms have the following meanings unless the context
861 clearly indicates otherwise:

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

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

866 a. Accepts contributions for the purpose of making
867 contributions to any ~~candidate, political committee, committee~~
868 ~~of continuous existence,~~ or political party;

869 b. Accepts contributions for the purpose of expressly
870 advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or the passage
871 or defeat of an issue;

872 c. Makes expenditures that expressly advocate the election
873 or defeat of a candidate or the passage or defeat of an issue;
874 or

875 d. Makes contributions to a common fund, other than a
876 joint checking account between spouses, from which contributions
877 are made to any ~~candidate, political committee, committee of~~
878 ~~continuous existence,~~ or political party.

879 2. The sponsor of a proposed constitutional amendment by
880 initiative who intends to seek the signatures of registered
881 electors.

882 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the following entities
883 are not considered political committees for purposes of this
884 chapter:

885 1. ~~Organizations which are certified by the Department of~~
886 ~~State as committees of continuous existence pursuant to s.~~
887 ~~106.04,~~ National political parties, and the state and county

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888 executive committees of political parties regulated by chapter
889 103.

890 2. Corporations regulated by chapter 607 or chapter 617 or
891 other business entities formed for purposes other than to
892 support or oppose issues or candidates, if their political
893 activities are limited to contributions to ~~candidates~~, political
894 parties, or political committees or expenditures in support of
895 or opposition to an issue from corporate or business funds and
896 if no contributions are received by such corporations or
897 business entities.

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

901 (2)~~(3)~~ "Contribution" means:

902 (a) A gift, subscription, conveyance, deposit, loan,
903 payment, or distribution of money or anything of value,
904 including contributions in kind having an attributable monetary
905 value in any form, made for the purpose of influencing the
906 results of an election.

907 (b) A transfer of funds between political committees,
908 ~~between committees of continuous existence, or between a~~
909 ~~political committee and a committee of continuous existence.~~

910 (c) The payment, by any person other than a candidate or
911 political committee, of compensation for the personal services
912 of another person which are rendered to a candidate or political
913 committee without charge to the candidate or committee for such
914 services.

915 (d) The transfer of funds by a campaign treasurer or
916 deputy campaign treasurer between a primary depository and a

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917 separate interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit, and
918 the term includes any interest earned on such account or
919 certificate.

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921 Notwithstanding the foregoing meanings of "contribution," the
922 word shall not be construed to include services, including, but
923 not limited to, legal and accounting services, provided without
924 compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of
925 their time on behalf of a candidate or political committee. This
926 definition shall not be construed to include editorial
927 endorsements.

928 ~~(3)~~(4) "Expenditure" means a purchase, payment,
929 distribution, loan, advance, transfer of funds by a campaign
930 treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer between a primary
931 depository and a separate interest-bearing account or
932 certificate of deposit, or gift of money or anything of value
933 made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election.
934 However, "expenditure" does not include a purchase, payment,
935 distribution, loan, advance, or gift of money or anything of
936 value made for the purpose of influencing the results of an
937 election when made by an organization, in existence prior to the
938 time during which a candidate qualifies or an issue is placed on
939 the ballot for that election, for the purpose of printing or
940 distributing such organization's newsletter, containing a
941 statement by such organization in support of or opposition to a
942 candidate or issue, which newsletter is distributed only to
943 members of such organization.

944 ~~(4)~~(5)(a) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure
945 by a person for the purpose of advocating the election or defeat

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946 of a candidate or the approval or rejection of an issue, which
947 expenditure is not controlled by, coordinated with, or made upon
948 consultation with, any candidate, political committee, or agent
949 of such candidate or committee. An expenditure for such purpose
950 by a person having a contract with the candidate, political
951 committee, or agent of such candidate or committee in a given
952 election period shall not be deemed an independent expenditure.

953 (b) An expenditure for the purpose of advocating the
954 election or defeat of a candidate which is made by the national,
955 state, or county executive committee of a political party,
956 including any subordinate committee of a national, state, or
957 county committee of a political party, or by any political
958 committee ~~or committee of continuous existence,~~ or any other
959 person, shall not be considered an independent expenditure if
960 the committee or person:

961 1. Communicates with the candidate, the candidate's
962 campaign, or an agent of the candidate acting on behalf of the
963 candidate, including any pollster, media consultant, advertising
964 agency, vendor, advisor, or staff member, concerning the
965 preparation of, use of, or payment for, the specific expenditure
966 or advertising campaign at issue; or

967 2. Makes a payment in cooperation, consultation, or
968 concert with, at the request or suggestion of, or pursuant to
969 any general or particular understanding with the candidate, the
970 candidate's campaign, a political committee supporting the
971 candidate, or an agent of the candidate relating to the specific
972 expenditure or advertising campaign at issue; or

973 3. Makes a payment for the dissemination, distribution, or
974 republication, in whole or in part, of any broadcast or any

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975 written, graphic, or other form of campaign material prepared by
976 the candidate, the candidate's campaign, or an agent of the
977 candidate, including any pollster, media consultant, advertising
978 agency, vendor, advisor, or staff member; or

979 4. Makes a payment based on information about the
980 candidate's plans, projects, or needs communicated to a member
981 of the committee or person by the candidate or an agent of the
982 candidate, provided the committee or person uses the information
983 in any way, in whole or in part, either directly or indirectly,
984 to design, prepare, or pay for the specific expenditure or
985 advertising campaign at issue; or

986 5. After the last day of qualifying for statewide or
987 legislative office, consults about the candidate's plans,
988 projects, or needs in connection with the candidate's pursuit of
989 election to office and the information is used in any way to
990 plan, create, design, or prepare an independent expenditure or
991 advertising campaign, with:

992 a. Any officer, director, employee, or agent of a
993 national, state, or county executive committee of a political
994 party that has made or intends to make expenditures in
995 connection with ~~or contributions to~~ the candidate; or

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

1000 6. After the last day of qualifying for statewide or
1001 legislative office, retains the professional services of any
1002 person also providing those services to the candidate in

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1003 connection with the candidate's pursuit of election to office;
1004 or

1005 7. Arranges, coordinates, or directs the expenditure, in
1006 any way, with the candidate or an agent of the candidate.

1007 ~~(5)(6)~~ "Election" means any primary election, special
1008 primary election, general election, special election, or
1009 municipal election held in this state for the purpose of
1010 nominating or electing candidates to public office, choosing
1011 delegates to the national nominating conventions of political
1012 parties, or submitting an issue to the electors for their
1013 approval or rejection.

1014 ~~(6)(7)~~ "Issue" means any proposition which is required by
1015 the State Constitution, by law or resolution of the Legislature,
1016 or by the charter, ordinance, or resolution of any political
1017 subdivision of this state to be submitted to the electors for
1018 their approval or rejection at an election, or any proposition
1019 for which a petition is circulated in order to have such
1020 proposition placed on the ballot at any election.

1021 ~~(7)(8)~~ "Person" means an individual or a corporation,
1022 association, firm, partnership, joint venture, joint stock
1023 company, club, organization, estate, trust, business trust,
1024 syndicate, or other combination of individuals having collective
1025 capacity. The term includes a political party ~~or~~ political
1026 committee, ~~or committee of continuous existence.~~

1027 ~~(8)(9)~~ "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed
1028 by a candidate or political committee as provided in this
1029 chapter.

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1030 ~~(9)(10)~~ "Public office" means any state, county,
1031 municipal, or school or other district office or position which
1032 is filled by vote of the electors.

1033 ~~(10)(11)~~ "Campaign fund raiser" means any affair held to
1034 raise funds to be used in a campaign for public office.

1035 ~~(11)(12)~~ "Division" means the Division of Elections of the
1036 Department of State.

1037 ~~(12)(13)~~ "Communications media" means broadcasting
1038 stations, newspapers, magazines, outdoor advertising facilities,
1039 printers, direct mailing companies, advertising agencies, and
1040 telephone companies; but with respect to telephones, an
1041 expenditure shall be deemed to be an expenditure for the use of
1042 communications media only if made for the costs of telephones,
1043 paid telephonists, or automatic telephone equipment to be used
1044 by a candidate or a political committee to communicate with
1045 potential voters but excluding any costs of telephones incurred
1046 by a volunteer for use of telephones by such volunteer.

1047 ~~(13)(14)~~ "Filing officer" means the person before whom a
1048 candidate qualifies or, the agency or officer with whom a
1049 political committee registers, ~~or the agency by whom a committee~~
1050 ~~of continuous existence is certified.~~

1051 ~~(14)(15)~~ "Unopposed candidate" means a candidate for
1052 nomination or election to an office who, after the last day on
1053 which any person, including a write-in candidate, may qualify,
1054 is without opposition in the election at which the office is to
1055 be filled or who is without such opposition after such date as a
1056 result of any primary election or of withdrawal by other
1057 candidates seeking the same office. A candidate is not an
1058 unopposed candidate if there is a vacancy to be filled under s.

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1059 100.111(4), if there is a legal proceeding pending regarding the
1060 right to a ballot position for the office sought by the
1061 candidate, or if the candidate is seeking retention as a justice
1062 or judge.

1063 ~~(15)(16)~~ "Candidate" means any person to whom any one or
1064 more of the following apply:

1065 (a) Any person who seeks to qualify for nomination or
1066 election by means of the petitioning process.

1067 (b) Any person who seeks to qualify for election as a
1068 write-in candidate.

1069 (c) Any person who receives contributions or makes
1070 expenditures, or consents for any other person to receive
1071 contributions or make expenditures, with a view to bring about
1072 his or her nomination or election to, or retention in, public
1073 office.

1074 (d) Any person who appoints a treasurer and designates a
1075 primary depository.

1076 (e) Any person who files qualification papers and
1077 subscribes to a candidate's oath as required by law.

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1079 However, this definition does not include any candidate for a
1080 political party executive committee.

1081 ~~(16)(a)(17)~~ "Political advertisement" means a paid
1082 expression in any communications media prescribed in subsection
1083 ~~(12) (13)~~, whether radio, television, newspaper, magazine,
1084 periodical, campaign literature, direct mail, or display or by
1085 means other than the spoken word in direct conversation, which
1086 shall support or oppose any candidate, elected public official,
1087 or issue. In addition, an advertisement is presumed to be a

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1088 political advertisement if it is a paid expression in any
1089 communications media described in subsection (12), whether
1090 radio, television, newspaper, magazine, periodical, campaign
1091 literature, direct mail, or display or by means other than the
1092 spoken word in direct conversation, which substantially mentions
1093 or shows a clearly identifiable candidate for election or
1094 reelection and is distributed at any point during the period
1095 following the last day of qualifying for that candidacy through
1096 the ensuing general election and which, when examined by a
1097 reasonable person, would be understood as a communication made
1098 for the purpose of influencing the results of an election on
1099 that candidacy during that period and for which aggregate
1100 expenditures on like advertisements exceed \$1,000.

1101 (b) However, "Political advertisement" does not include:

1102 1.(a) A statement by an organization, in existence prior
1103 to the time during which a candidate qualifies or an issue is
1104 placed on the ballot for that election, in support of or
1105 opposition to a candidate or issue, in that organization's
1106 newsletter, which newsletter is distributed only to the members
1107 of that organization.

1108 2.(b) Editorial endorsements by any newspaper, radio or
1109 television station, or other recognized news medium.

1110 3. A paid expression in any communications media which
1111 mentions or shows a clearly identifiable candidate for election
1112 or reelection which:

1113 a. Advertises a business rather than the candidate, is
1114 paid for out of funds of that business, and is similar to other
1115 advertisements for that business which have mentioned or shown
1116 the candidate and have been distributed regularly over a period

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1117 of at least 1 year before the qualifying period for that
1118 candidacy; or

1119 b. Is distributed or broadcast only to areas other than
1120 the geographical area of the electorate for that candidacy.

1121 Section 39. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (1),
1122 paragraph (a) of subsection (4), and subsection (7) of section
1123 106.07, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1124 106.07 Reports; certification and filing.--

1125 (1) Each campaign treasurer designated by a candidate or
1126 political committee pursuant to s. 106.021 shall file regular
1127 reports of all contributions received, and all expenditures
1128 made, by or on behalf of such candidate or political committee.
1129 Reports shall be filed on the 10th day following the end of each
1130 calendar quarter from the time the campaign treasurer is
1131 appointed, except that, if the 10th day following the end of a
1132 calendar quarter occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday,
1133 the report shall be filed on the next following day which is not
1134 a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Quarterly reports shall
1135 include all contributions received and expenditures made during
1136 the calendar quarter which have not otherwise been reported
1137 pursuant to this section.

1138 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), following the
1139 last day of qualifying for office, the reports shall be filed on
1140 the 32nd, 18th, and 4th days immediately preceding the first
1141 primary and on the 18th and 4th days immediately preceding the
1142 second primary and general election, for a candidate who is
1143 opposed in seeking nomination or election to any office or, for
1144 a political committee, ~~or for a committee of continuous~~
1145 ~~existence.~~

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1146 (d)1. When a special election is called to fill a vacancy
1147 in office, all political committees ~~and committees of continuous~~
1148 ~~existence~~ making contributions or expenditures to influence the
1149 results of such special election shall file campaign treasurers'
1150 reports with the filing officer on the dates set by the
1151 Department of State pursuant to s. 100.111.

1152 2. When an election is called for an issue to appear on
1153 the ballot at a time when no candidates are scheduled to appear
1154 on the ballot, all political committees making contributions or
1155 expenditures in support of or in opposition to such issue shall
1156 file reports on the 18th and 4th days prior to such election.

1157 (4)(a) Each report required by this section shall contain:

1158 1. The full name, address, and occupation, if any of each
1159 person who has made one or more contributions to or for such
1160 committee or candidate within the reporting period, together
1161 with the amount and date of such contributions. For
1162 corporations, the report must provide as clear a description as
1163 practicable of the principal type of business conducted by the
1164 corporation. However, if the contribution is \$100 or less or is
1165 from a relative, as defined in s. 112.312, provided that the
1166 relationship is reported, the occupation of the contributor or
1167 the principal type of business need not be listed.

1168 2. The name and address of each political committee from
1169 which the reporting committee ~~or the candidate~~ received, or to
1170 which the reporting committee or candidate made, any transfer of
1171 funds, together with the amounts and dates of all transfers.

1172 3. Each loan for campaign purposes to or from any person
1173 or political committee within the reporting period, together
1174 with the full names, addresses, and occupations, and principal

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1175 places of business, if any, of the lender and endorsers, if any,
1176 and the date and amount of such loans.

1177 4. A statement of each contribution, rebate, refund, or
1178 other receipt not otherwise listed under subparagraphs 1.
1179 through 3.

1180 5. The total sums of all loans, in-kind contributions, and
1181 other receipts by or for such committee or candidate during the
1182 reporting period. The reporting forms shall be designed to
1183 elicit separate totals for in-kind contributions, loans, and
1184 other receipts.

1185 6. The full name and address of each person to whom
1186 expenditures have been made by or on behalf of the committee or
1187 candidate within the reporting period; the amount, date, and
1188 purpose of each such expenditure; and the name and address of,
1189 and office sought by, each candidate on whose behalf such
1190 expenditure was made. However, expenditures made from the petty
1191 cash fund provided by s. 106.12 need not be reported
1192 individually.

1193 7. The full name and address of each person to whom an
1194 expenditure for personal services, salary, or reimbursement for
1195 authorized expenses as provided in s. 106.021(3) has been made
1196 and which is not otherwise reported, including the amount, date,
1197 and purpose of such expenditure. However, expenditures made from
1198 the petty cash fund provided for in s. 106.12 need not be
1199 reported individually.

1200 8. The total amount withdrawn and the total amount spent
1201 for petty cash purposes pursuant to this chapter during the
1202 reporting period.

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1203 9. The total sum of expenditures made by such committee or
1204 candidate during the reporting period.

1205 10. The amount and nature of debts and obligations owed by
1206 or to the committee or candidate, which relate to the conduct of
1207 any political campaign.

1208 11. A copy of each credit card statement which shall be
1209 included in the next report following receipt thereof by the
1210 candidate or political committee. Receipts for each credit card
1211 purchase shall be retained by the treasurer with the records for
1212 the campaign account.

1213 12. The amount and nature of any separate interest-bearing
1214 accounts or certificates of deposit and identification of the
1215 financial institution in which such accounts or certificates of
1216 deposit are located.

1217 (7) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter,
1218 in any reporting period during which a candidate or, political
1219 committee, ~~or committee of continuous existence~~ has not received
1220 funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds,
1221 the filing of the required report for that period is waived.
1222 However, the next report filed must specify that the report
1223 covers the entire period between the last submitted report and
1224 the report being filed, and any candidate or, political
1225 committee, ~~or committee of continuous existence~~ not reporting by
1226 virtue of this subsection on dates prescribed elsewhere in this
1227 chapter shall notify the filing officer in writing on the
1228 prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that
1229 date.

1230 Section 40. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section
1231 106.082, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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1232 106.082 Commissioner of Agriculture candidates; campaign
1233 contribution limits.--

1234 (1) No director, officer, or lobbyist of a business which
1235 is inspected, licensed, or otherwise authorized to do business
1236 as a food outlet or convenience store pursuant to chapter 500;
1237 ~~or any director, officer, lobbyist, or controlling interest of~~
1238 ~~that business; and no political committee or committee of~~
1239 ~~continuous existence representing the interests of such business~~
1240 shall make or solicit a contribution in excess of \$100, for any
1241 election, to or on behalf of any candidate for the office of
1242 Commissioner of Agriculture. The provisions of this subsection
1243 shall not prevent any candidate for the office of Commissioner
1244 of Agriculture or members of that candidate's immediate family
1245 from contributing to that candidate's campaign as otherwise
1246 permitted by law.

1247 (2) No candidate for the office of Commissioner of
1248 Agriculture may solicit or accept a campaign contribution in
1249 excess of \$100 from any director, officer, or lobbyist of a
1250 business which ~~or person who~~ is licensed or inspected or
1251 otherwise authorized to do business as a food outlet or
1252 convenience store pursuant to chapter 500; ~~or any director,~~
1253 ~~officer, lobbyist, or controlling interest of that person or~~
1254 ~~business; or any political committee or committee of continuous~~
1255 ~~existence that represents that person.~~

1256 (3) No employee of the Department of Agriculture may
1257 solicit a campaign contribution for any candidate for the office
1258 of Commissioner of Agriculture from any director, officer, or
1259 lobbyist of a person or business which ~~who~~ is licensed,
1260 inspected, or otherwise authorized to do business as a food

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1261 outlet or convenience store pursuant to chapter 500; ~~or any~~
1262 ~~director, officer, lobbyist, or controlling interest of that~~
1263 ~~person; or any political committee or committee of continuous~~
1264 ~~existence that represents that person.~~ For purposes of this
1265 section, "employee of the department" means any person employed
1266 in the Department of Agriculture holding a position in the
1267 Senior Management Service as defined in s. 110.402; any person
1268 holding a position in the Selected Exempt Service as defined in
1269 s. 110.602; any person having authority over food outlet or
1270 convenience store regulation, or inspection supervision; or any
1271 person, hired on a contractual basis, having the power normally
1272 conferred upon such person, by whatever title.

1273 Section 41. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
1274 (2) of section 106.087, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1275 106.087 Independent expenditures; contribution limits;
1276 restrictions on political parties and, political committees, ~~and~~
1277 ~~committees of continuous existence.--~~

1278 (1)(a) As a condition of receiving a rebate of filing fees
1279 and party assessment funds pursuant to s. 99.061(2), s.
1280 99.092(1), s. 99.103, or s. 103.121(1)(b), the chair or
1281 treasurer of a state or county executive committee shall take
1282 and subscribe to an oath or affirmation in writing. During the
1283 qualifying period for state candidates and prior to distribution
1284 of such funds, a printed copy of the oath or affirmation shall
1285 be filed with the Secretary of State and shall be substantially
1286 in the following form:

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1288 State of Florida
1289 County of _____

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1290 Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths,
 1291 personally appeared ... (name) ..., to me well known, who,
 1292 being sworn, says that he or she is the ... (title) ... of the
 1293 ... (name of party) ... (state or specified county) ...
 1294 executive committee; that the executive committee has not made,
 1295 either directly or indirectly, an independent expenditure in
 1296 support of or opposition to a candidate or elected public
 1297 official in the prior 6 months; that the executive committee
 1298 will not make, either directly or indirectly, an independent
 1299 expenditure in support of or opposition to a candidate or
 1300 elected public official, through and including the upcoming
 1301 general election; and that the executive committee will not
 1302 violate the contribution limits applicable to candidates under
 1303 s. 106.08(3)(2), Florida Statutes.

1304 ... (Signature of committee officer) ...
 1305 ... (Address) ...

1306
 1307 Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, ...
 1308 (year) ..., at ____ County, Florida.

1309 ... (Signature and title of officer administering oath) ...

1310

1311 (2)(a) Any political committee ~~or committee of continuous~~
 1312 ~~existence~~ that accepts the use of public funds, equipment,
 1313 personnel, or other resources to collect dues from its members
 1314 agrees not to make independent expenditures in support of or
 1315 opposition to a candidate or elected public official. ~~However,~~
 1316 ~~expenditures may be made for the sole purpose of jointly~~
 1317 ~~endorsing three or more candidates.~~

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1318 (b) Any political committee ~~or committee of continuous~~
1319 ~~existence~~ that violates this subsection is liable for a civil
1320 fine of up to \$5,000 to be determined by the Florida Elections
1321 Commission or the entire amount of the expenditures, whichever
1322 is greater.

1323 Section 42. Subsection (3) of section 106.12, Florida
1324 Statutes, is amended to read:

1325 106.12 Petty cash funds allowed.--

1326 (3) The petty cash fund so provided shall be spent only in
1327 amounts less than \$100 and only for office supplies,
1328 transportation expenses, and other necessities. Petty cash shall
1329 not be used for the purchase of time, space, or services from
1330 communications media as defined in s. 106.011(12)(13).

1331 Section 43. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
1332 106.147, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1333 106.147 Telephone solicitation; disclosure requirements;
1334 prohibitions; exemptions; penalties.--

1335 (3)

1336 (b) For purposes of paragraph (a), the term "person"
1337 includes any candidate; any officer of any political committee,
1338 ~~committee of continuous existence~~, or political party executive
1339 committee; any officer, partner, attorney, or other
1340 representative of a corporation, partnership, or other business
1341 entity; and any agent or other person acting on behalf of any
1342 candidate, political committee, ~~committee of continuous~~
1343 ~~existence~~, political party executive committee, or corporation,
1344 partnership, or other business entity.

1345 Section 44. Section 106.148, Florida Statutes, is amended
1346 to read:

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1347 106.148 Disclosure of on-line computer solicitation.--A
1348 message placed on an information system accessible by computer
1349 by a candidate, political party, or political committee, ~~or~~
1350 ~~committee of continuous existence~~, or an agent of any such
1351 candidate, party, or committee, which message is accessible by
1352 more than one person, other than an internal communication of
1353 the party, committee, or campaign, must include a statement
1354 disclosing all information required of political advertisements
1355 under s. 106.143.

1356 Section 45. Subsection (2) of section 106.23, Florida
1357 Statutes, is amended to read:

1358 106.23 Powers of the Division of Elections.--

1359 (2) The Division of Elections shall provide advisory
1360 opinions when requested by any supervisor of elections,
1361 candidate, local officer having election-related duties,
1362 political party, political committee, ~~committee of continuous~~
1363 ~~existence~~, or other person or organization engaged in political
1364 activity, relating to any provisions or possible violations of
1365 Florida election laws with respect to actions such supervisor,
1366 candidate, local officer having election-related duties,
1367 political party, committee, person, or organization has taken or
1368 proposes to take. Requests for advisory opinions must be
1369 submitted in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of
1370 State. A written record of all such opinions issued by the
1371 division, sequentially numbered, dated, and indexed by subject
1372 matter, shall be retained. A copy shall be sent to said person
1373 or organization upon request. Any such person or organization,
1374 acting in good faith upon such an advisory opinion, shall not be
1375 subject to any criminal penalty provided for in this chapter.

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1376 The opinion, until amended or revoked, shall be binding on any
1377 person or organization who sought the opinion or with reference
1378 to whom the opinion was sought, unless material facts were
1379 omitted or misstated in the request for the advisory opinion.

1380 Section 46. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 106.265,
1381 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1382 106.265 Civil penalties.--

1383 (1) The commission is authorized upon the finding of a
1384 violation of this chapter or chapter 104 to impose civil
1385 penalties in the form of fines not to exceed \$1,000 per count.
1386 In determining the amount of such civil penalties, the
1387 commission shall consider, among other mitigating and
1388 aggravating circumstances:

1389 (a) The gravity of the act or omission;

1390 (b) Any previous history of similar acts or omissions;

1391 (c) The appropriateness of such penalty to the financial
1392 resources of the person, political committee, ~~committee of~~
1393 ~~continuous existence~~, or political party; and

1394 (d) Whether the person, political committee, ~~committee of~~
1395 ~~continuous existence~~, or political party has shown good faith in
1396 attempting to comply with the provisions of this chapter or
1397 chapter 104.

1398 (2) If any person, political committee, ~~committee of~~
1399 ~~continuous existence~~, or political party fails or refuses to pay
1400 to the commission any civil penalties assessed pursuant to the
1401 provisions of this section, the commission shall be responsible
1402 for collecting the civil penalties resulting from such action.

1403 Section 47. Subsection (2) of section 106.27, Florida
1404 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1405 106.27 Determinations by commission; legal disposition.--
1406 (2) Civil actions may be brought by the commission for
1407 relief, including permanent or temporary injunctions,
1408 restraining orders, or any other appropriate order for the
1409 imposition of civil penalties provided by this chapter. Such
1410 civil actions shall be brought by the commission in the
1411 appropriate court of competent jurisdiction, and the venue shall
1412 be in the county in which the alleged violation occurred or in
1413 which the alleged violator or violators are found, reside, or
1414 transact business. Upon a proper showing that such person,
1415 political committee, ~~committee of continuous existence,~~ or
1416 political party has engaged, or is about to engage, in
1417 prohibited acts or practices, a permanent or temporary
1418 injunction, restraining order, or other order shall be granted
1419 without bond by such court, and the civil fines provided by this
1420 chapter may be imposed.

1421 Section 48. Subsection (6) of section 106.29, Florida
1422 Statutes, is amended to read:

1423 106.29 Reports by political parties; restrictions on
1424 contributions and expenditures; penalties.--

1425 (6)(a) The national, state, and county executive
1426 committees of a political party may not contribute to any
1427 candidate any amount in excess of the limits contained in s.
1428 ~~106.08(3)(2), and all contributions required to be reported~~
1429 ~~under s. 106.08(2) by the national executive committee of a~~
1430 ~~political party shall be reported by the state executive~~
1431 ~~committee of that political party.~~

1432 (b) A violation of the contribution limits contained in s.
1433 ~~106.08(3)(2)~~ is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as

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1434 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A civil penalty equal to
1435 three times the amount in excess of the limits contained in s.
1436 106.08~~(3)~~~~(2)~~ shall be assessed against any executive committee
1437 found in violation thereof.

1438 Section 49. Section 106.33, Florida Statutes, is amended
1439 to read:

1440 106.33 Election campaign financing; eligibility.--Each
1441 candidate for the office of Governor or member of the Cabinet
1442 who desires to receive contributions from the Election Campaign
1443 Financing Trust Fund shall, upon qualifying for office, file a
1444 request for such contributions with the filing officer on forms
1445 provided by the Division of Elections. If a candidate requesting
1446 contributions from the fund desires to have such funds
1447 distributed by electronic fund transfers, the request shall
1448 include information necessary to implement that procedure. For
1449 the purposes of ss. 106.30-106.36, candidates for Governor and
1450 Lieutenant Governor on the same ticket shall be considered as a
1451 single candidate. To be eligible to receive contributions from
1452 the fund, a candidate may not be an unopposed candidate as
1453 defined in s. 106.011~~(14)~~~~(15)~~ and must:

1454 (1) Agree to abide by the expenditure limits provided in
1455 s. 106.34.

1456 (2)(a) Raise contributions as follows:

1457 1. One hundred fifty thousand dollars for a candidate for
1458 Governor.

1459 2. One hundred thousand dollars for a candidate for
1460 Cabinet office.

1461 (b) Contributions from individuals who at the time of
1462 contributing are not state residents may not be used to meet the

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1463 threshold amounts in paragraph (a). For purposes of this
1464 paragraph, any person validly registered to vote in this state
1465 shall be considered a state resident.

1466 (3) Limit loans or contributions from the candidate's
1467 personal funds to \$25,000 and contributions from national,
1468 state, and county executive committees of a political party to
1469 \$25,000 in the aggregate, which loans or contributions shall not
1470 qualify for meeting the threshold amounts in subsection (2).

1471 (4) Submit to a postelection audit of the campaign account
1472 by the division.

1473 Section 50. Section 111.075, Florida Statutes, is amended
1474 to read:

1475 111.075 Elected officials; prohibition concerning
1476 political ~~certain~~ committees.--Elected officials are prohibited
1477 from being employed by, or acting as a consultant for
1478 compensation to, a political committee ~~or committee of~~
1479 ~~continuous existence~~.

1480 Section 51. Subsections (3) and (4) and paragraph (a) of
1481 subsection (5) of section 112.3148, Florida Statutes, are
1482 amended to read:

1483 112.3148 Reporting and prohibited receipt of gifts by
1484 individuals filing full or limited public disclosure of
1485 financial interests and by procurement employees.--

1486 (3) A reporting individual or procurement employee is
1487 prohibited from soliciting any gift from a political committee
1488 ~~or committee of continuous existence~~, as defined in s. 106.011,
1489 or from a lobbyist who lobbies the reporting individual's or
1490 procurement employee's agency, or the partner, firm, employer,
1491 or principal of such lobbyist, where such gift is for the

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1492 personal benefit of the reporting individual or procurement
1493 employee, another reporting individual or procurement employee,
1494 or any member of the immediate family of a reporting individual
1495 or procurement employee.

1496 (4) A reporting individual or procurement employee or any
1497 other person on his or her behalf is prohibited from knowingly
1498 accepting, directly or indirectly, a gift from a political
1499 committee ~~or committee of continuous existence~~, as defined in s.
1500 106.011, or from a lobbyist who lobbies the reporting
1501 individual's or procurement employee's agency, or directly or
1502 indirectly on behalf of the partner, firm, employer, or
1503 principal of a lobbyist, if he or she knows or reasonably
1504 believes that the gift has a value in excess of \$100; however,
1505 such a gift may be accepted by such person on behalf of a
1506 governmental entity or a charitable organization. If the gift is
1507 accepted on behalf of a governmental entity or charitable
1508 organization, the person receiving the gift shall not maintain
1509 custody of the gift for any period of time beyond that
1510 reasonably necessary to arrange for the transfer of custody and
1511 ownership of the gift.

1512 (5)(a) A political committee ~~or a committee of continuous~~
1513 ~~existence~~, as defined in s. 106.011; a lobbyist who lobbies a
1514 reporting individual's or procurement employee's agency; the
1515 partner, firm, employer, or principal of a lobbyist; or another
1516 on behalf of the lobbyist or partner, firm, principal, or
1517 employer of the lobbyist is prohibited from giving, either
1518 directly or indirectly, a gift that has a value in excess of
1519 \$100 to the reporting individual or procurement employee or any
1520 other person on his or her behalf; however, such person may give

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1521 a gift having a value in excess of \$100 to a reporting
1522 individual or procurement employee if the gift is intended to be
1523 transferred to a governmental entity or a charitable
1524 organization.

1525 Section 52. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 112.3149,
1526 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1527 112.3149 Solicitation and disclosure of honoraria.--

1528 (3) A reporting individual or procurement employee is
1529 prohibited from knowingly accepting an honorarium from a
1530 political committee ~~or committee of continuous existence~~, as
1531 defined in s. 106.011, from a lobbyist who lobbies the reporting
1532 individual's or procurement employee's agency, or from the
1533 employer, principal, partner, or firm of such a lobbyist.

1534 (4) A political committee ~~or committee of continuous~~
1535 ~~existence~~, as defined in s. 106.011, a lobbyist who lobbies a
1536 reporting individual's or procurement employee's agency, or the
1537 employer, principal, partner, or firm of such a lobbyist is
1538 prohibited from giving an honorarium to a reporting individual
1539 or procurement employee.

1540 Section 53. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section
1541 627.0623, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1542 627.0623 Restrictions on expenditures and solicitations of
1543 insurers and affiliates.--

1544 (2) No ~~insurer, affiliate, or~~ officer of an insurer or
1545 ~~affiliate, and no political committee or committee of continuous~~
1546 ~~existence representing the interests of such insurer, affiliate,~~
1547 ~~or officer~~ shall make a contribution in excess of \$100, for any
1548 election, to or on behalf of the Treasurer or to or on behalf of
1549 any candidate for the office of Treasurer. The provisions of

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1550 this subsection shall not prevent any candidate or members of
1551 that candidate's family from contributing to that candidate's
1552 campaign as otherwise permitted by law.

1553 (3) The Treasurer or a candidate for the office of
1554 Treasurer may not accept a campaign contribution in excess of
1555 \$100 from any ~~insurer, affiliate, or~~ officer of an insurer or
1556 ~~affiliate, or any political committee or committee of continuous~~
1557 ~~existence that represents such insurer, affiliate, or officer.~~

1558 (4) No employee of the department may solicit a campaign
1559 contribution for the Treasurer or any candidate for the office
1560 of Treasurer from any ~~insurer, affiliate, or~~ officer of an
1561 insurer or affiliate, ~~or any political committee or committee of~~
1562 ~~continuous existence that represents such insurer, affiliate, or~~
1563 ~~officer.~~ For purposes of this section, "employee of the
1564 department" means any person employed in the Department of
1565 Insurance or the Treasurer's office holding a position in the
1566 Senior Management Service as defined in s. 110.402; any person
1567 holding a position in the Selected Exempt Service as defined in
1568 s. 110.602; any person having authority over insurance policy,
1569 regulation, or supervision; or any person hired on a contractual
1570 basis, having the power normally conferred upon such person, by
1571 whatever title.

1572 Section 54. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section
1573 655.019, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1574 655.019 Campaign contributions; limitations.--

1575 (1) Notwithstanding the limits provided in s. 106.08, no
1576 ~~financial institution which is licensed or otherwise authorized~~
1577 ~~to do business pursuant to chapters 655-665, nor an officer,~~
1578 ~~executive officer, affiliate, subsidiary or service corporation~~

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1579 of a financial institution that is licensed or otherwise
1580 authorized to do business pursuant to chapters 655-665, ~~and no~~
1581 ~~political committee or committee of continuous existence~~
1582 ~~representing the interests of such financial institution~~ shall
1583 make a contribution in excess of \$100, for any election, to or
1584 on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer ~~Comptroller~~ or any
1585 candidate for the office of Chief Financial Officer ~~Comptroller~~.
1586 The provisions of this subsection shall not prevent any
1587 candidate or members of that candidate's immediate family from
1588 contributing to that candidate's campaign as otherwise permitted
1589 by law.

1590 (2) The Chief Financial Officer ~~Comptroller~~ or candidate
1591 for the office of Chief Financial Officer ~~Comptroller~~ may not
1592 accept a campaign contribution in excess of \$100 from any
1593 officer of a financial institution which is licensed or
1594 otherwise authorized to do business pursuant to chapters 655-
1595 665, ~~or an officer, executive officer, affiliate, subsidiary or~~
1596 ~~service corporation of such financial institution, or any~~
1597 ~~political committee or committee of continuous existence that~~
1598 ~~represents that financial institution.~~

1599 (3) No employee of the department may solicit a campaign
1600 contribution for the Chief Financial Officer ~~Comptroller~~ or any
1601 candidate for the office of Chief Financial Officer ~~the~~
1602 ~~Comptroller~~ from any director, officer, employee, agent,
1603 retained legal counsel, lobbyist, or partner of a financial
1604 institution that ~~person who~~ is licensed or otherwise authorized
1605 to do business by the department or that ~~who~~ has an application
1606 pending for licensure or other authorization to do business
1607 pending with the department, ~~or any director, officer, employee,~~

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1608 ~~agent, retained legal counsel, lobbyist, or partner or affiliate~~
1609 ~~of that person or any political committee or committee of~~
1610 ~~continuous existence that represents that person.~~ For purposes
1611 of this section, "employee of the department" means any person
1612 employed in the department or the Chief Financial Officer's
1613 ~~Comptroller's~~ office holding a position in the Senior Management
1614 Service as defined in s. 110.402; any person holding a position
1615 in the Selected Exempt Service as defined in s. 110.602; any
1616 person having authority over institution policy, regulation, or
1617 supervision; or any person hired on a contractual basis, having
1618 the power normally conferred upon such person, by whatever
1619 title.

1620 Section 55. Subsection (4) of section 1004.28, Florida
1621 Statutes, is amended to read:

1622 1004.28 Direct-support organizations; use of property;
1623 board of directors; activities; audit; facilities.--

1624 (4) ACTIVITIES; RESTRICTION.--A university direct-support
1625 organization is prohibited from giving, either directly or
1626 indirectly, any gift to a political committee ~~or committee of~~
1627 ~~continuous existence~~ as defined in s. 106.011 for any purpose
1628 other than those certified by a majority roll call vote of the
1629 governing board of the direct-support organization at a
1630 regularly scheduled meeting as being directly related to the
1631 educational mission of the university.

1632 Section 56. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section
1633 1004.70, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1634 1004.70 Community college direct-support organizations.--

1635 (4) ACTIVITIES; RESTRICTIONS.--

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1636 (d) A community college direct-support organization is
1637 prohibited from giving, either directly or indirectly, any gift
1638 to a political committee ~~or committee of continuous existence~~ as
1639 defined in s. 106.011 for any purpose other than those certified
1640 by a majority roll call vote of the governing board of the
1641 direct-support organization at a regularly scheduled meeting as
1642 being directly related to the educational mission of the
1643 community college.

1644 Section 57. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
1645 1004.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1646 1004.71 Statewide community college direct-support
1647 organizations.--

1648 (4) RESTRICTIONS.--

1649 (c) A statewide community college direct-support
1650 organization is prohibited from giving, either directly or
1651 indirectly, any gift to a political committee ~~or committee of~~
1652 ~~continuous existence~~ as defined in s. 106.011 for any purpose
1653 other than those certified by a majority roll call vote of the
1654 governing board of the direct-support organization at a
1655 regularly scheduled meeting as being directly related to the
1656 educational mission of the State Board of Education.

1657 Section 58. Subsection (3) of section 106.32, Florida
1658 Statutes, is repealed.

1660 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

1661 Remove line(s) 10, and insert:
1662 periods; amending s. 97.055, F.S.; eliminating the book-closing
1663 period for voter registration; providing registration and
1664 changes in registration at the polls on election day; amending

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1665 ss. 97.021, 97.053, 97.071, 98.065, 98.081, 98.231, 101.045, and
1666 101.663, F.S., to conform; repealing s. 97.0555, F.S., relating
1667 to late registration, to conform; amending s. 100.011, F.S.;
1668 delaying the closing of the polls; amending ss. 101.65 and
1669 101.67, F.S., relating to instructions to and ballots from
1670 absent electors, to conform; amending s. 101.657, F.S.; revising
1671 provisions relating to absentee voting; allowing for weekend
1672 voting; requiring the supervisor of elections to provide
1673 additional locations for absentee voting; providing for the use
1674 of mobile voting units; amending s. 101.048, F.S.; authorizing
1675 the use of provisional ballots during early voting; amending s.
1676 97.021, F.S.; redefining "provisional ballot," to conform;
1677 amending s. 101.151, F.S.; restricting the length of ballots;
1678 amending s. 106.161, F.S.; requiring broadcast television and
1679 radio stations to provide certain free air time to candidates
1680 for public office; creating a task force to rebut false or
1681 inaccurate statements in political campaigns; amending s.
1682 110.117, F.S.; making General Election Day a paid holiday
1683 observed by all state branches and agencies; reenacting s.
1684 683.01(1)(r), F.S., relating to the designation of General
1685 Election Day as a legal holiday; amending s. 106.08, F.S.;
1686 prohibiting political committees from making contributions to
1687 candidates for election to or retention in office; providing a
1688 limit to contributions to state and county executive committees
1689 of political parties; removing provisions relating to
1690 nonallocable items for purposes of limits on contributions from
1691 political party committees and a related reporting requirement;
1692 providing penalties; amending s. 106.021, F.S.; prohibiting an
1693 individual from being appointed and serving as campaign

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1694 treasurer for a candidate and a political committee or any
1695 combination of candidates and political committees; amending ss.
1696 106.03 and 106.087, F.S.; removing expenditure authorization for
1697 certain joint endorsements; requiring a political committee to
1698 report information relating to any candidate or political party
1699 the committee opposes; removing references to committees of
1700 continuous existence; repealing s. 106.04, F.S., relating to
1701 organization, certification, and duties of committees of
1702 continuous existence; amending ss. 98.095, 98.0979, 101.62,
1703 102.031, 106.07, 106.082, 106.12, 106.147, 106.148, 106.23,
1704 106.265, 106.27, 106.29, 106.33, 111.075, 112.3148, 112.3149,
1705 627.0623, 655.019, 1004.28, 1004.70, and 1004.71, F.S.; removing
1706 or correcting references, to conform; amending s. 106.011, F.S.;
1707 revising and removing definitions, to conform; expanding the
1708 definition of "political advertisement"; repealing s. 106.32(3),
1709 F.S., relating to deposit of certain obsolete assessments, to
1710 conform; providing for construction of the act in pari