

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senators Lee,  
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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to elections; providing a short  
3           title; amending s. 106.011, F.S.; redefining  
4           the terms "political committee,"  
5           "contribution," "expenditure," "independent  
6           expenditure," "communications media," and  
7           "political advertisement"; defining the term  
8           "electioneering communication"; amending s.  
9           106.04, F.S.; modifying contribution reporting  
10          requirements for committees of continuous  
11          existence; amending s. 106.07, F.S.; modifying  
12          campaign finance reporting requirements for  
13          certain groups in special elections, to  
14          conform; amending s. 106.071, F.S.;  
15          establishing reporting requirements for certain  
16          individuals making electioneering  
17          communications; modifying sponsorship  
18          disclaimer requirements for independent  
19          expenditures; creating an exemption; deleting a  
20          limitation on contributions to fund independent  
21          expenditures; amending s. 106.143, F.S.;  
22          modifying sponsorship disclaimer requirements  
23          for political advertisements; repealing s.  
24          106.148, F.S., relating to sponsorship  
25          disclaimer requirements for certain computer  
26          messages; providing an effective date.  
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28   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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30                   Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Florida  
31                   Advertising Campaign Exposure Act."

1           Section 2. Section 106.011, Florida Statutes, is  
2 amended to read:

3           106.011 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the  
4 following terms have the following meanings unless the context  
5 clearly indicates otherwise:

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

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

10           a. Accepts contributions for the purpose of making  
11 contributions to any candidate, political committee, committee  
12 of continuous existence, or political party;

13           b. Accepts contributions for the purpose of expressly  
14 advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or the  
15 passage or defeat of an issue;

16           c. Makes expenditures that expressly advocate the  
17 election or defeat of a candidate or the passage or defeat of  
18 an issue; ~~or~~

19           d. Makes contributions to a common fund, other than a  
20 joint checking account between spouses, from which  
21 contributions are made to any candidate, political committee,  
22 committee of continuous existence, or political party; ~~-~~

23           e. Accepts contributions for the purpose of making  
24 electioneering communications; or

25           f. Makes expenditures for electioneering  
26 communications.

27           2. The sponsor of a proposed constitutional amendment  
28 by initiative who intends to seek the signatures of registered  
29 electors.

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1 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the following  
2 entities are not considered political committees for purposes  
3 of this chapter:

4 1. Organizations which are certified by the Department  
5 of State as committees of continuous existence pursuant to s.  
6 106.04, national political parties, and the state and county  
7 executive committees of political parties regulated by chapter  
8 103.

9 2. Corporations regulated by chapter 607 or chapter  
10 617 or other business entities formed for purposes other than  
11 to support or oppose issues or candidates, if their political  
12 activities are limited to contributions to candidates,  
13 political parties, or political committees or expenditures in  
14 support of or opposition to an issue from corporate or  
15 business funds and if no contributions are received by such  
16 corporations or business entities.

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

20 (3) "Contribution" means:

21 (a) A gift, subscription, conveyance, deposit, loan,  
22 payment, or distribution of money or anything of value,  
23 including contributions in kind having an attributable  
24 monetary value in any form, made for the purpose of  
25 influencing the results of an election or making an  
26 electioneering communication.

27 (b) A transfer of funds between political committees,  
28 between committees of continuous existence, or between a  
29 political committee and a committee of continuous existence.

30 (c) The payment, by any person other than a candidate  
31 or political committee, of compensation for the personal

1 services of another person which are rendered to a candidate  
2 or political committee without charge to the candidate or  
3 committee for such services.

4 (d) The transfer of funds by a campaign treasurer or  
5 deputy campaign treasurer between a primary depository and a  
6 separate interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit,  
7 and the term includes any interest earned on such account or  
8 certificate.

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10 Notwithstanding the foregoing meanings of "contribution," the  
11 word shall not be construed to include services, including,  
12 but not limited to, legal and accounting services, provided  
13 without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or  
14 all of their time on behalf of a candidate or political  
15 committee. This definition shall not be construed to include  
16 editorial endorsements.

17 (4)(a) "Expenditure" means a purchase, payment,  
18 distribution, loan, advance, transfer of funds by a campaign  
19 treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer between a primary  
20 depository and a separate interest-bearing account or  
21 certificate of deposit, or gift of money or anything of value  
22 made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election  
23 or making an electioneering communication. However,  
24 "expenditure" does not include a purchase, payment,  
25 distribution, loan, advance, or gift of money or anything of  
26 value made for the purpose of influencing the results of an  
27 election when made by an organization, in existence prior to  
28 the time during which a candidate qualifies or an issue is  
29 placed on the ballot for that election, for the purpose of  
30 printing or distributing such organization's newsletter,  
31 containing a statement by such organization in support of or

1 opposition to a candidate or issue, which newsletter is  
2 distributed only to members of such organization.

3 (b) As used in this chapter, an "expenditure" for an  
4 electioneering communication is made when the earliest of the  
5 following occurs:

6 1. A person executes a contract for applicable goods  
7 or services;

8 2. A person makes payment, in whole or in part, for  
9 applicable goods or services; or

10 3. The electioneering communication is publicly  
11 disseminated.

12 (5)(a) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure  
13 by a person for the purpose of advocating the election or  
14 defeat of a candidate or the approval or rejection of an  
15 issue, including an expenditure for an electioneering  
16 communication, which expenditure is not controlled by,  
17 coordinated with, or made upon consultation with, any  
18 candidate, political committee, or agent of such candidate or  
19 committee. An expenditure for such purpose by a person having  
20 a contract with the candidate, political committee, or agent  
21 of such candidate or committee in a given election period  
22 shall not be deemed an independent expenditure.

23 (b) An expenditure for the purpose of advocating the  
24 election or defeat of a candidate, including an expenditure  
25 for an electioneering communication, which is made by the  
26 national, state, or county executive committee of a political  
27 party, including any subordinate committee of a national,  
28 state, or county committee of a political party, or by any  
29 political committee or committee of continuous existence, or  
30 any other person, shall not be considered an independent  
31 expenditure if the committee or person:

- 1           1. Communicates with the candidate, the candidate's  
2 campaign, or an agent of the candidate acting on behalf of the  
3 candidate, including any pollster, media consultant,  
4 advertising agency, vendor, advisor, or staff member,  
5 concerning the preparation of, use of, or payment for, the  
6 specific expenditure or advertising campaign at issue; or  
7           2. Makes a payment in cooperation, consultation, or  
8 concert with, at the request or suggestion of, or pursuant to  
9 any general or particular understanding with the candidate,  
10 the candidate's campaign, a political committee supporting the  
11 candidate, or an agent of the candidate relating to the  
12 specific expenditure or advertising campaign at issue; or  
13           3. Makes a payment for the dissemination,  
14 distribution, or republication, in whole or in part, of any  
15 broadcast or any written, graphic, or other form of campaign  
16 material prepared by the candidate, the candidate's campaign,  
17 or an agent of the candidate, including any pollster, media  
18 consultant, advertising agency, vendor, advisor, or staff  
19 member; or  
20           4. Makes a payment based on information about the  
21 candidate's plans, projects, or needs communicated to a member  
22 of the committee or person by the candidate or an agent of the  
23 candidate, provided the committee or person uses the  
24 information in any way, in whole or in part, either directly  
25 or indirectly, to design, prepare, or pay for the specific  
26 expenditure or advertising campaign at issue; or  
27           5. After the last day of qualifying for statewide or  
28 legislative office, consults about the candidate's plans,  
29 projects, or needs in connection with the candidate's pursuit  
30 of election to office and the information is used in any way  
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1 to plan, create, design, or prepare an independent expenditure  
2 or advertising campaign, with:

3 a. Any officer, director, employee, or agent of a  
4 national, state, or county executive committee of a political  
5 party that has made or intends to make expenditures in  
6 connection with or contributions to the candidate; or

7 b. Any person whose professional services have been  
8 retained by a national, state, or county executive committee  
9 of a political party that has made or intends to make  
10 expenditures in connection with or contributions to the  
11 candidate; or

12 6. After the last day of qualifying for statewide or  
13 legislative office, retains the professional services of any  
14 person also providing those services to the candidate in  
15 connection with the candidate's pursuit of election to office;  
16 or

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

19 (6) "Election" means any primary election, special  
20 primary election, general election, special election, or  
21 municipal election held in this state for the purpose of  
22 nominating or electing candidates to public office, choosing  
23 delegates to the national nominating conventions of political  
24 parties, or submitting an issue to the electors for their  
25 approval or rejection.

26 (7) "Issue" means any proposition which is required by  
27 the State Constitution, by law or resolution of the  
28 Legislature, or by the charter, ordinance, or resolution of  
29 any political subdivision of this state to be submitted to the  
30 electors for their approval or rejection at an election, or  
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1 any proposition for which a petition is circulated in order to  
2 have such proposition placed on the ballot at any election.

3 (8) "Person" means an individual or a corporation,  
4 association, firm, partnership, joint venture, joint stock  
5 company, club, organization, estate, trust, business trust,  
6 syndicate, or other combination of individuals having  
7 collective capacity. The term includes a political party,  
8 political committee, or committee of continuous existence.

9 (9) "Campaign treasurer" means an individual appointed  
10 by a candidate or political committee as provided in this  
11 chapter.

12 (10) "Public office" means any state, county,  
13 municipal, or school or other district office or position  
14 which is filled by vote of the electors.

15 (11) "Campaign fund raiser" means any affair held to  
16 raise funds to be used in a campaign for public office.

17 (12) "Division" means the Division of Elections of the  
18 Department of State.

19 (13) "Communications media" means broadcasting  
20 stations, newspapers, magazines, outdoor advertising  
21 facilities, printers, direct mailing companies, advertising  
22 agencies, the Internet, and telephone companies; but with  
23 respect to telephones, an expenditure shall be deemed to be an  
24 expenditure for the use of communications media only if made  
25 for the costs of telephones, paid telephonists, or automatic  
26 telephone equipment to be used by a candidate or a political  
27 committee to communicate with potential voters but excluding  
28 any costs of telephones incurred by a volunteer for use of  
29 telephones by such volunteer; however, with respect to the  
30 Internet, an expenditure shall be deemed an expenditure for  
31 use of communications media only if made for the cost of



1 creating or disseminating a message on a computer information  
2 system accessible by more than one person but excluding  
3 internal communications of a campaign or of any group.

4 (14) "Filing officer" means the person before whom a  
5 candidate qualifies, the agency or officer with whom a  
6 political committee registers, or the agency by whom a  
7 committee of continuous existence is certified.

8 (15) "Unopposed candidate" means a candidate for  
9 nomination or election to an office who, after the last day on  
10 which any person, including a write-in candidate, may qualify,  
11 is without opposition in the election at which the office is  
12 to be filled or who is without such opposition after such date  
13 as a result of any primary election or of withdrawal by other  
14 candidates seeking the same office. A candidate is not an  
15 unopposed candidate if there is a vacancy to be filled under  
16 s. 100.111(4), if there is a legal proceeding pending  
17 regarding the right to a ballot position for the office sought  
18 by the candidate, or if the candidate is seeking retention as  
19 a justice or judge.

20 (16) "Candidate" means any person to whom any one or  
21 more of the following apply:

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

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

26 (c) Any person who receives contributions or makes  
27 expenditures, or consents for any other person to receive  
28 contributions or make expenditures, with a view to bring about  
29 his or her nomination or election to, or retention in, public  
30 office.

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1 (d) Any person who appoints a treasurer and designates  
2 a primary depository.

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

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

8 (17) "Political advertisement" means an electioneering  
9 communication or other ~~a~~ paid expression in any communications  
10 media prescribed in subsection (13), whether radio,  
11 television, newspaper, magazine, periodical, campaign  
12 literature, direct mail, or display or by means other than the  
13 spoken word in direct conversation, which shall support or  
14 oppose any candidate, ~~elected public official,~~ or issue.

15 However, political advertisement does not include:

16 (a) A statement by an organization, in existence prior  
17 to the time during which a candidate qualifies or an issue is  
18 placed on the ballot for that election, in support of or  
19 opposition to a candidate or issue, in that organization's  
20 newsletter, which newsletter is distributed only to the  
21 members of that organization.

22 (b) Editorial endorsements by any newspaper, radio or  
23 television station, or other recognized news medium.

24 (18)(a) "Electioneering communication" means a paid  
25 expression in any communications media prescribed in  
26 subsection (13) by means other than the spoken word in direct  
27 conversation that:

28 1. Refers to or depicts a clearly identified candidate  
29 for office or contains a clear reference indicating that an  
30 issue is to be voted on at an election.

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1           2. For communications referring to or depicting a  
2 clearly identified candidate for office, is targeted to the  
3 relevant electorate. A communication is considered targeted if  
4 1,000 or more persons in the district the candidate would  
5 represent if elected will receive the communication.

6           3. For communications referring to or depicting a  
7 clearly identified candidate for office, is published after  
8 the end of the candidate qualifying period for the office  
9 sought by the candidate.

10           4. For communications containing a clear reference  
11 indicating that an issue is to be voted on at an election, is  
12 published after the issue is designated a ballot position or  
13 120 days before the date of the election on the issue,  
14 whichever occurs first.

15           (b) The term "electioneering communication" does not  
16 include:

17           1. A statement or depiction by an organization, in  
18 existence prior to the time during which a candidate named or  
19 depicted qualifies or an issue identified is placed on the  
20 ballot for that election, made in that organization's  
21 newsletter, which newsletter is distributed only to members of  
22 that organization.

23           2. An editorial endorsement, news story, commentary,  
24 or editorial by any newspaper, radio, television station, or  
25 other recognized news medium.

26           3. A communication that constitutes a public debate or  
27 forum that includes at least two opposing candidates for an  
28 office or one advocate and one opponent of an issue, or that  
29 solely promotes such a debate or forum and is made by or on  
30 behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or forum, provided  
31 that:

- 1           a. The staging organization is either:  
2           (I) A charitable organization that does not make other  
3 electioneering communications and does not otherwise support  
4 or oppose any political candidate or political party; or  
5           (II) A newspaper, radio station, television station,  
6 or other recognized news medium; and  
7           b. The staging organization does not structure the  
8 debate to promote or advance one candidate or issue position  
9 over another.  
10           (c) For purposes of this chapter, except as provided  
11 in s. 106.08(1), an electioneering communication is deemed to  
12 support or oppose, and be made on behalf of, candidates or  
13 issues as determined by the content of each communication.

14           Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 106.04, Florida  
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16           106.04 Committees of continuous existence.--

17           (4)(a) Each committee of continuous existence shall  
18 file an annual report with the Division of Elections during  
19 the month of January. Such annual reports shall contain the  
20 same information and shall be accompanied by the same  
21 materials as original applications filed pursuant to  
22 subsection (2). However, the charter or bylaws need not be  
23 filed if the annual report is accompanied by a sworn statement  
24 by the chair that no changes have been made to such charter or  
25 bylaws since the last filing.

26           (b)1. Each committee of continuous existence shall  
27 file regular reports with the Division of Elections at the  
28 same times and subject to the same filing conditions as are  
29 established by s. 106.07(1) and (2) for candidates' reports.

30           2. Any committee of continuous existence failing to so  
31 file a report with the Division of Elections pursuant to this

1 paragraph on the designated due date shall be subject to a  
2 fine for late filing as provided by this section.

3 (c) All committees of continuous existence shall file  
4 the original and one copy of their reports with the Division  
5 of Elections. In addition, a duplicate copy of each report  
6 shall be filed with the supervisor of elections in the county  
7 in which the committee maintains its books and records, except  
8 that if the filing officer to whom the committee is required  
9 to report is located in the same county as the supervisor no  
10 such duplicate report is required to be filed with the  
11 supervisor. Reports shall be on forms provided by the  
12 division and shall contain the following information:

13 1. The full name, address, and occupation of each  
14 person who has made one or more contributions, including  
15 contributions that represent the payment of membership dues,  
16 to the committee during the reporting period, together with  
17 the amounts and dates of such contributions. For corporations,  
18 the report must provide as clear a description as practicable  
19 of the principal type of business conducted by the  
20 corporation. However, if the contribution is \$100 or less, the  
21 occupation of the contributor or principal type of business  
22 need not be listed. However, for any contributions that which  
23 represent the payment of dues by members in a fixed amount  
24 aggregating no more than \$250 per calendar year, pursuant to  
25 the schedule on file with the Division of Elections, only the  
26 aggregate amount of such contributions need be listed,  
27 together with the number of members paying such dues and the  
28 amount of the membership dues.

29 2. The name and address of each political committee or  
30 committee of continuous existence from which the reporting  
31 committee received, or the name and address of each political

1 committee, committee of continuous existence, or political  
2 party to which it made, any transfer of funds, together with  
3 the amounts and dates of all transfers.

4 3. Any other receipt of funds not listed pursuant to  
5 subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., including the sources and  
6 amounts of all such funds.

7 4. The name and address of, and office sought by, each  
8 candidate to whom the committee has made a contribution during  
9 the reporting period, together with the amount and date of  
10 each contribution.

11 5. The full name and address of each person to whom  
12 expenditures have been made by or on behalf of the committee  
13 within the reporting period; the amount, date, and purpose of  
14 each such expenditure; and the name and address, and office  
15 sought by, each candidate on whose behalf such expenditure was  
16 made.

17 6. The total sum of expenditures made by the committee  
18 during the reporting period.

19 (d) The treasurer of each committee shall certify as  
20 to the correctness of each report and shall bear the  
21 responsibility for its accuracy and veracity. Any treasurer  
22 who willfully certifies to the correctness of a report while  
23 knowing that such report is incorrect, false, or incomplete  
24 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as  
25 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

26 Section 4. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
27 106.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

28 106.07 Reports; certification and filing.--

29 (1) Each campaign treasurer designated by a candidate  
30 or political committee pursuant to s. 106.021 shall file  
31 regular reports of all contributions received, and all

1 expenditures made, by or on behalf of such candidate or  
2 political committee. Reports shall be filed on the 10th day  
3 following the end of each calendar quarter from the time the  
4 campaign treasurer is appointed, except that, if the 10th day  
5 following the end of a calendar quarter occurs on a Saturday,  
6 Sunday, or legal holiday, the report shall be filed on the  
7 next following day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal  
8 holiday. Quarterly reports shall include all contributions  
9 received and expenditures made during the calendar quarter  
10 which have not otherwise been reported pursuant to this  
11 section.

12 (d)1. When a special election is called to fill a  
13 vacancy in office, all political committees and committees of  
14 continuous existence making contributions or expenditures in  
15 connection with ~~to influence the results of~~ such special  
16 election shall file campaign treasurers' reports with the  
17 filing officer on the dates set by the Department of State  
18 pursuant to s. 100.111.

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

25 Section 5. Section 106.071, Florida Statutes, is  
26 amended to read:

27 106.071 Independent expenditures; electioneering  
28 communications; reports; disclaimers.--

29 (1) Each person who makes an independent expenditure  
30 with respect to any candidate or issue, and each individual  
31 who makes an expenditure for an electioneering communication

1 which is not otherwise reported pursuant to this chapter,  
2 which expenditure, in the aggregate, is in the amount of \$100  
3 or more, shall file periodic reports of such expenditures in  
4 the same manner, at the same time, subject to the same  
5 penalties,and with the same officer as a political committee  
6 supporting or opposing such candidate or issue. The report  
7 shall contain the full name and street address of the person  
8 making the expenditure; the full name and street address of  
9 each person to whom and for whom each such expenditure has  
10 been made; the amount, date, and purpose of each such  
11 expenditure; a description of the services or goods obtained  
12 by each such expenditure; the issue to which the expenditure  
13 relates;and the name and address of, and office sought by,  
14 each candidate on whose behalf such expenditure was made.

15 (2) Any political advertisement paid for by an  
16 independent expenditure shall prominently state "Paid  
17 political advertisement paid for by ...(Full name and street  
18 address Name of person or committee paying for  
19 advertisement)... independently of any ...(candidate or  
20 committee)... For more information on campaign finance, visit  
21 the Florida Division of Elections website at ...(Insert web  
22 address for the Florida Division of Elections home page)...,"  
23 ~~and shall contain the name and address of the person paying~~  
24 ~~for the political advertisement.~~

25 (3)~~(2)~~ Any person who fails to include the disclaimer  
26 prescribed in subsection(2)~~(1)~~in any political  
27 advertisement that which is required to contain such  
28 disclaimer commits is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first  
29 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

30 (4) Subsection (2) does not apply to political  
31 advertisements that are designed to be worn by an individual.



1           ~~(3) No person may make a contribution in excess of~~  
2 ~~\$1,000 to any other person, to be used by such other person to~~  
3 ~~make an independent expenditure.~~

4           Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 106.143, Florida  
5 Statutes, is amended to read:

6           106.143 Political advertisements circulated prior to  
7 election; requirements.--

8           (1)(a) Any political advertisement that is paid for by  
9 a candidate and that is published, displayed, or circulated  
10 prior to, or on the day of, any election must prominently  
11 state: "Political advertisement paid for and approved by ...  
12 (name of candidate) ..., ...(party affiliation) ..., for ...  
13 (office sought) .... For more information on campaign finance,  
14 visit the Florida Division of Elections website at ...(Insert  
15 web address for the Florida Division of Elections home  
16 page)... ".

17           (b) Any other political advertisement and any campaign  
18 literature published, displayed, or circulated prior to, or on  
19 the day of, any election must prominently shall:

20           1.(a) Be marked "paid political advertisement" or with  
21 the abbreviation "pd. pol. adv."

22           2. State the full name and address of the persons  
23 sponsoring the advertisement.

24           ~~(b) Identify the persons or organizations sponsoring~~  
25 ~~the advertisement.~~

26           3.a.(I)(c)1.

27           a. State whether the advertisement and the cost of  
28 production is paid for or provided in kind by or at the  
29 expense of the entity publishing, displaying, broadcasting, or  
30 circulating the political advertisement; or

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1            (II)~~b.~~ State who provided or paid for the  
2 advertisement and cost of production, if different from the  
3 source of sponsorship.

4            b.2. This subparagraph ~~does paragraph shall~~ not apply  
5 if the source of the sponsorship is patently clear from the  
6 content or format of the political advertisement ~~or campaign~~  
7 ~~literature.~~

8            4. State "For more information on campaign finance,  
9 visit the Florida Division of Elections website at ... (Insert  
10 web address for the Florida Division of Elections  
11 homepage)...".

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13 This subsection does not apply to campaign messages used by a  
14 candidate and the candidate's supporters if those messages are  
15 designed to be worn by a person.

16            Section 7. Section 106.148, Florida Statutes, is  
17 repealed.

18            Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.  
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1                   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
2                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
3                   Senate Bill 2346 & 516

4 The committee substitute differs from the bill in that it:  
5 defines "electioneering communications" as a subset of  
6 "political advertisements" and "independent expenditures,"  
7 thus bringing them within the scope of existing sponsorship  
8 disclaimer requirements; replaces the requirement that  
9 sponsorship disclaimers on political advertisements (including  
10 electioneering communications and political advertisements  
11 paid for by independent expenditure) contain the names and  
12 addresses of the sponsor's top four contributors with  
13 mandatory language directing the listener or viewer to the  
14 Florida Division of Elections web site for more campaign  
15 finance information; repeals s. 106.148, relating to  
16 sponsorship disclaimer requirements on Internet political  
17 advocacy, and creates similar requirements by amending the  
18 definition of "communications media"; modifies the timeframe  
19 for determining whether a communication is an "electioneering  
20 communication"; expands the scope of exemptions under the  
21 definition of "electioneering communication" to allow for such  
22 speech without regulation where desirable or  
23 constitutionally-protected; eliminates a requirement that de  
24 minimus CCE ("committee of continuous existence") member dues  
25 be limited to \$50 per payment, while maintaining a \$250 yearly  
26 aggregate per individual to qualify as de minimus dues not  
27 subject to individual reporting; requires CCEs to report  
28 individual and total expenditures; clarifies that CCEs cannot  
29 make electioneering communications unless they register as a  
30 political committee.  
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