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The Committee on Transportation and Economic Development  
Appropriations (Webster) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 6, line 8,

insert:

Section 1. Subsection (36) of section 97.021, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(36) "Third-party registration organization" means any  
person, entity, or organization soliciting or collecting voter  
registration applications. A third-party voter registration  
organization does not include:

~~(a) A political party;~~

~~(a)(b)~~ A person who seeks only to register to vote or  
collect voter registration applications from that person's  
spouse, child, or parent; or

~~(b)(c)~~ A person engaged in registering to vote or

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1 collecting voter registration applications as an employee or  
2 agent of the division, supervisor of elections, Department of  
3 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, or a voter registration  
4 agency.

5 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 97.0575, Florida  
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 97.0575 Third-party voter registrations.--

8 (3) A third-party voter registration organization that  
9 collects voter registration applications serves as a fiduciary  
10 to the applicant, ensuring that any voter registration  
11 application entrusted to the third-party voter registration  
12 organization, irrespective of party affiliation, race,  
13 ethnicity, or gender shall be promptly delivered to the  
14 division or the supervisor of elections. If a voter  
15 registration application collected by any third-party voter  
16 registration organization is not promptly delivered to the  
17 division or supervisor of elections, the ~~individual collecting~~  
18 ~~the voter registration application, the registered agent, and~~  
19 ~~those individuals responsible for the day-to-day operation of~~  
20 ~~the third-party voter registration organization, including, if~~  
21 ~~applicable, the entity's board of directors, president, vice~~  
22 ~~president, managing partner, or such other individuals engaged~~  
23 ~~in similar duties or functions, shall be personally and~~  
24 ~~jointly and severally~~ liable for the following fines:

25 (a) A fine in the amount of \$50 ~~\$250~~ for each  
26 application received by the division or the supervisor of  
27 elections more than 10 days after the applicant delivered the  
28 completed voter registration application to the third-party  
29 voter registration organization or any person, entity, or  
30 agent acting on its behalf. A fine in the amount of \$250 for  
31 each application received if the third-party registration

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1 organization or person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf  
2 acted willfully.

3 (b) A fine in the amount of \$100 ~~\$500~~ for each  
4 application collected by a third-party voter registration  
5 organization or any person, entity, or agent acting on its  
6 behalf, prior to book closing for any given election for  
7 federal or state office and received by the division or the  
8 supervisor of elections after the book closing deadline for  
9 such election. A fine in the amount of \$500 for each  
10 application received if the third-party registration  
11 organization or person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf  
12 acted willfully.

13 (c) A fine in the amount of \$500 ~~\$5,000~~ for each  
14 application collected by a third-party voter registration  
15 organization or any person, entity, or agent acting on its  
16 behalf, which is not submitted to the division or supervisor  
17 of elections. A fine in the amount of \$2,500 for each  
18 application not submitted if the third-party registration  
19 organization or person, entity, or agency acting on its behalf  
20 acted willfully.

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22 The fines provided in this subsection shall be reduced by  
23 three-fourths in cases in which the third-party voter  
24 registration organization has complied with subsection (1).  
25 The secretary shall waive the fines described in this  
26 subsection upon a showing that the failure to deliver the  
27 voter registration application promptly is based upon force  
28 majeure or impossibility of performance.

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30 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

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5 insert:

6            amending s. 97.021, F.S.; redefining the term

7            "third-party registration organization";

8            amending s. 97.0575, F.S.; revising fines

9            applicable to violations of requirements

10           relating to third-party voter registrations;

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