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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to ballot initiatives; creating s.
3 106.151, F.S.; prohibiting a state agency or political
4 subdivision from making contributions to or being a member
5 of an organization that supports or opposes candidates or
6 issues; providing penalties; providing an effective date.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Section 106.151, Florida Statutes, is created to
11 read:

12 106.151 Prohibited acts by public entities.--

13 (1) A state agency, political subdivision, or
14 instrumentality thereof may not make a contribution to or be a
15 member of any organization, including a trade, industry, or
16 professional association, political committee, or committee of
17 continuous existence, which supports or opposes candidates or
18 issues.

19 (2) Any officer or person acting on behalf of a trade,
20 industry, or professional association, political committee, or
21 committee of continuous existence that supports or opposes
22 candidates or issues and accepts a contribution from or includes
23 in its membership a state agency, political subdivision, or
24 instrumentality thereof commits a misdemeanor of the first
25 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.