

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2       An act relating to electioneering communications  
 3       organizations; amending s. 106.011, F.S.; providing  
 4       additional reporting requirements for certain  
 5       contributions received by electioneering communications  
 6       organizations; amending s. 106.071, F.S.; providing  
 7       reporting requirements for certain expenditures made by  
 8       electioneering communications organizations; providing an  
 9       effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
 14       106.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15           106.011 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the  
 16       following terms have the following meanings unless the context  
 17       clearly indicates otherwise:

18           (1)

19           (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the following entities  
 20       are not considered political committees for purposes of this  
 21       chapter:

22           1. Organizations which are certified by the Department of  
 23       State as committees of continuous existence pursuant to s.  
 24       106.04, national political parties, and the state and county  
 25       executive committees of political parties regulated by chapter  
 26       103.

27           2. Corporations regulated by chapter 607 or chapter 617 or  
 28       other business entities formed for purposes other than to

29 support or oppose issues or candidates, if their political  
 30 activities are limited to contributions to candidates, political  
 31 parties, or political committees or expenditures in support of  
 32 or opposition to an issue from corporate or business funds and  
 33 if no contributions are received by such corporations or  
 34 business entities.

35 3. Electioneering communications organizations as defined  
 36 in subsection (19); however, such organizations shall be  
 37 required to register with and report expenditures and  
 38 contributions, including contributions received from committees  
 39 of continuous existence, to the Division of Elections in the  
 40 same manner, at the same time, and subject to the same penalties  
 41 as a political committee supporting or opposing an issue or a  
 42 legislative candidate, except as otherwise specifically provided  
 43 in this chapter; however, each contribution that exceeds \$500  
 44 shall be reported within 24 hours after receipt.

45 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 106.071, Florida  
 46 Statutes, is amended to read:

47 106.071 Independent expenditures; electioneering  
 48 communications; reports; disclaimers.--

49 (1) (a) Each person who makes an independent expenditure  
 50 with respect to any candidate or issue, ~~and each individual who~~  
 51 ~~makes an expenditure for an electioneering communication which~~  
 52 ~~is not otherwise reported pursuant to this chapter,~~ which  
 53 expenditure, in the aggregate, is in the amount of \$100 or more,  
 54 shall file periodic reports of such expenditures in the same  
 55 manner, at the same time, subject to the same penalties, and

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56 with the same officer as a political committee supporting or  
57 opposing such candidate or issue.

58 (b) Each individual who makes an expenditure for an  
59 electioneering communication that is not otherwise reported  
60 pursuant to this chapter, which expenditure, in the aggregate,  
61 is in the amount of \$100 or more, shall file periodic reports of  
62 such expenditures in the same manner, at the same time, subject  
63 to the same penalties, and with the same officer as a political  
64 committee supporting or opposing such candidate or issue, except  
65 each expenditure that in the aggregate exceeds \$500 shall be  
66 reported within 24 hours after being made.

67 (c) The reports required in paragraphs (a) and (b) ~~report~~  
68 shall contain the full name and address of the person making the  
69 expenditure; the full name and address of each person to whom  
70 and for whom each such expenditure has been made; the amount,  
71 date, and purpose of each such expenditure; a description of the  
72 services or goods obtained by each such expenditure; the issue  
73 to which the expenditure relates; and the name and address of,  
74 and office sought by, each candidate on whose behalf such  
75 expenditure was made.

76 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.