

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to political party executive
 3 committees; providing a short title; amending ss.
 4 97.021 and 106.011, F.S.; removing provisions that
 5 exclude candidates for political party executive
 6 committees from the definition of "candidate" for
 7 purposes of The Florida Election Code; providing an
 8 effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Party Officer
 13 Integrity Act."

14 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 97.021, Florida
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except
 17 where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

18 (5) "Candidate" means any person to whom any one or more
 19 of the following applies:

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

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

24 (c) Any person who receives contributions or makes
 25 expenditures, or gives his or her consent for any other person
 26 to receive contributions or make expenditures, with a view to
 27 bringing about his or her nomination or election to, or
 28 retention in, public office.

29 (d) Any person who appoints a treasurer and designates a
 30 primary depository.

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

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34 ~~However, this definition does not include any candidate for a~~
 35 ~~political party executive committee.~~

36 Section 3. Subsection (16) of section 106.011, Florida
 37 Statutes, is amended to read:

38 106.011 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the
 39 following terms have the following meanings unless the context
 40 clearly indicates otherwise:

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

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

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

47 (c) Any person who receives contributions or makes
 48 expenditures, or consents for any other person to receive
 49 contributions or make expenditures, with a view to bring about
 50 his or her nomination or election to, or retention in, public
 51 office.

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 53 primary depository.

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 55 subscribes to a candidate's oath as required by law.

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57 | ~~However, this definition does not include any candidate for a~~
58 | ~~political party executive committee.~~ Expenditures related to
59 | potential candidate polls as provided in s. 106.17 are not
60 | contributions or expenditures for purposes of this subsection.

61 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.