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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Rodrigues) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 106.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

106.08 Contributions; limitations on.—

(1) (a) Except for political parties or affiliated party committees, no person or political committee may, in any election, make contributions in excess of the following amounts:



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11 1. To a candidate for statewide office or for retention as
12 a justice of the Supreme Court or to a political committee that
13 is the sponsor of a constitutional amendment proposed by
14 initiative, \$3,000. However, the limitation on contributions for
15 such a political committee no longer applies once the Secretary
16 of State has issued a certificate of ballot position and a
17 designating number for the proposed amendment that the political
18 committee is sponsoring. Candidates for the offices of Governor
19 and Lieutenant Governor on the same ticket are considered a
20 single candidate for the purpose of this section.

21 2. To a candidate for retention as a judge of a district
22 court of appeal; a candidate for legislative office; a candidate
23 for multicounty office; a candidate for countywide office or in
24 any election conducted on less than a countywide basis; or a
25 candidate for county court judge or circuit judge, \$1,000.

26 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
27 106.141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

28 106.141 Disposition of surplus funds by candidates.—

29 (4) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), any candidate
30 required to dispose of funds pursuant to this section shall, at
31 the option of the candidate, dispose of such funds by any of the
32 following means, or any combination thereof:

33 1. Return pro rata to each contributor the funds that have
34 not been spent or obligated.

35 2. Donate the funds that have not been spent or obligated
36 to a charitable organization or organizations that meet the
37 qualifications of s. 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code,
38 except that the candidate may not be employed by the charitable
39 organization to which he or she donates the funds.



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40 3. Give not more than \$25,000 of the funds that have not
41 been spent or obligated to the affiliated party committee or
42 political party of which such candidate is a member.

43 4. Give the funds that have not been spent or obligated:

44 a. ~~In the case of a candidate for state office,~~ To the
45 state, to be deposited in either the Election Campaign Financing
46 Trust Fund or the General Revenue Fund, as designated by the
47 candidate; or

48 b. ~~In the case of a candidate for an office of a political~~
49 ~~subdivision,~~ To a such political subdivision, to be deposited in
50 the general fund thereof.

51 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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54 And the title is amended as follows:

55 Delete everything before the enacting clause
56 and insert:

57 A bill to be entitled
58 An act relating to campaign financing; amending s.
59 106.08, F.S.; providing a limitation on contributions
60 made to political committees sponsoring a
61 constitutional amendment proposed by initiative;
62 specifying conditions upon which the limitation no
63 longer applies; amending s. 106.141, F.S.; prohibiting
64 a candidate from donating surplus funds to a
65 charitable organization that employs the candidate;
66 providing that any candidate required to dispose
67 surplus funds may give certain surplus funds to the
68 state or a political subdivision, to be disbursed in a



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specified manner; providing an effective date.