

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to campaign financing; amending s.
 3 106.08, F.S.; providing a limitation on contributions
 4 made to political committees sponsoring a
 5 constitutional amendment proposed by initiative;
 6 specifying conditions upon which the limitation no
 7 longer applies; amending s. 106.141, F.S.; prohibiting
 8 a candidate from donating surplus funds to a
 9 charitable organization that employs the candidate;
 10 providing that a candidate may give certain surplus
 11 funds to the state or a political subdivision to be
 12 disbursed in a specified manner; providing an
 13 effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 18 106.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19 106.08 Contributions; limitations on.—

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

23 1. To a candidate for statewide office; a candidate ~~or~~ for
 24 retention as a justice of the Supreme Court; or a political
 25 committee that is the sponsor of a constitutional amendment

26 proposed by initiative, \$3,000. However, the limitation on
 27 contributions for such a political committee no longer applies
 28 once the Secretary of State has issued a certificate of ballot
 29 position and a designating number for the proposed amendment.

30 Candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor
 31 on the same ticket are considered a single candidate for the
 32 purpose of this section.

33 2. To a candidate for retention as a judge of a district
 34 court of appeal; a candidate for legislative office; a candidate
 35 for multicounty office; a candidate for countywide office or in
 36 any election conducted on less than a countywide basis; or a
 37 candidate for county court judge or circuit judge, \$1,000.

38 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 39 106.141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

40 106.141 Disposition of surplus funds by candidates.—

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

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

47 2. Donate the funds that have not been spent or obligated
 48 to a charitable organization or organizations that meet the
 49 qualifications of s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,
 50 except that the candidate may not be employed by the charitable

51 organization to which he or she donates the funds.

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

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

56 a. ~~In the case of a candidate for state office,~~ To the
57 state, to be deposited in either the Election Campaign Financing
58 Trust Fund or the General Revenue Fund, as designated by the
59 candidate; or

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

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