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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Smith, C. offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (107453) (with title amendment)

Between lines 1174 and 1175, insert:

Section 29. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 106.19, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3), (4), and (5), respectively, present subsection (2) is amended, and a new subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

106.19 Violations by candidates, persons connected with campaigns, and political committees.—

(2) Any candidate; campaign manager, campaign treasurer, or deputy treasurer of any candidate; committee chair, vice chair, campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer, or other officer of

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14 any political committee; agent or person acting on behalf of any
15 candidate, political committee, or political party; or other
16 person who knowingly and willfully:

17 (a) Solicits, influences, or induces any individual to
18 file as a candidate whom does not use her or his best efforts
19 and skill or does not strive earnestly to win election or does
20 not use, or is prevented from using, her or his best efforts and
21 skill as a result of coercion, bribery, duress, threats, reward
22 or promise thereof, physical incapacity or disability,
23 suggestion or agreement, or any other improper or unlawful
24 means; or

25 (b) Acts on behalf of any individual who files as a
26 candidate whom does not use her or his best efforts and skill or
27 does not strive earnestly to win election or does not use, or is
28 prevented from using, her or his best efforts and skill as a
29 result of coercion, bribery, duress, threats, reward or promise
30 thereof, physical incapacity or disability, suggestion or
31 agreement, or any other improper or unlawful means;

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33 is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as
34 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

35 (3)~~(2)~~ Any candidate, campaign treasurer, or deputy
36 treasurer; any chair, vice chair, or other officer of any
37 political committee; any agent or person acting on behalf of any
38 candidate, ~~or~~ political committee, or political party; or any

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39 other person who violates paragraph (1)(a), paragraph (1)(b), ~~or~~
40 paragraph (1)(d), or subsection (2) shall be subject to a civil
41 penalty equal to three times the amount involved in the illegal
42 act. Such penalty may be in addition to the penalties provided
43 by subsection (1) or subsection (2) and shall be paid into the
44 General Revenue Fund of this state.

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46 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

47 Between lines 1312 and 1313, insert:
48 amending s. 106.19, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons
49 from soliciting, influencing, or inducing a certain
50 individual to file as a candidate for office or from
51 acting on behalf of such persons; providing civil and
52 criminal penalties;

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