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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Representative Smith, C. offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 1141 and 1142, insert:

Section 26. 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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Remove line 142 and insert:

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providing a penalty; amending s. 106.19, F.S.;

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prohibiting certain persons from soliciting,

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influencing, or inducing a certain individual to file

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as a candidate for office or from acting on behalf of

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such persons; providing civil and criminal penalties;

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providing effective dates.

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