1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to campaign finance; amending s.
3	106.03, F.S.; requiring that certain political
4	committees dissolve and, within a certain period,
5	dispose of certain funds in a specified manner;
6	providing that certain transfers of funds are not
7	contributions or expenditures for certain purposes;
8	amending s. 106.08, F.S.; revising the maximum
9	contribution amount that a person or political
10	committee may make to a candidate for legislative
11	office; prohibiting the Governor, the Lieutenant
12	Governor, a member of the Cabinet, or a member of the
13	Legislature from soliciting or accepting contributions
14	during certain periods on behalf of certain persons;
15	providing penalties; amending s. 106.141, F.S.;
16	requiring a political committee that is dissolved to
17	dispose of certain funds and file a certain report
18	within a specified period; requiring a political
19	committee to dispose of certain funds by certain
20	means; providing reporting requirements; providing an
21	effective date.
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23	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25	Section 1. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 106.03,
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26	Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) and (8),
27	respectively, paragraph (j) of subsection (2) is amended, and
28	new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:
29	106.03 Registration of political committees and
30	electioneering communications organizations
31	(2) The statement of organization shall include:
32	(j) For an electioneering communications organization,
33	plans for the disposition of residual funds which will be made
34	in the event of dissolution;
35	(6) A committee that during a 24-month period does not
36	receive contributions or make expenditures in an aggregate
37	amount exceeding \$5,000 is immediately dissolved and, within 90
38	days after such dissolution, shall dispose of all residual funds
39	in accordance with s. 106.141(4). For purposes of this
40	subsection, a transfer of funds to or from another political
41	committee or an electioneering communications organization is
42	not a contribution or expenditure.
43	Section 2. Subsections (7) through (10) of section 106.08,
44	Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8) through
45	(11), respectively, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and present
46	subsections (7) and (8) are amended, and new subsection (7) is
47	added to that section, to read:
48	106.08 Contributions; limitations on
49	(1)(a) Except for political parties or affiliated party
50	committees, no person or political committee may, in any
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51 election, make contributions in excess of the following amounts: 52 To a candidate for statewide office; a candidate for 1. 53 legislative office; a candidate or for retention as a justice of the Supreme Court; or to a political committee that is the 54 55 sponsor of or is in opposition to a constitutional amendment 56 proposed by initiative, \$3,000. However, the limitation on 57 contributions to such political committees no longer applies once the Secretary of State has issued a certificate of ballot 58 59 position and a designating number for the proposed amendment 60 that the political committee is sponsoring or opposing. Candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor 61 on the same ticket are considered a single candidate for the 62 purpose of this section. 63 64 2. To a candidate for retention as a judge of a district 65 court of appeal; a candidate for legislative office; a candidate 66 for multicounty office; a candidate for countywide office or in any election conducted on less than a countywide basis; or a 67 68 candidate for county court judge or circuit judge, \$1,000. 69 (7) (a) The Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, or a member 70 of the Cabinet may contribute to his or her own campaign but may not solicit or accept a contribution during the 60-day regular 71 72 legislative session and any extension thereof or a special 73 legislative session: 74 1. On his or her own behalf. 75 2. On behalf of any organization with respect to which his

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76	or her solicitation is regulated under s. 106.0701.
77	3. On behalf of a candidate for legislative office or a
78	candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
79	Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer, or Commissioner of
80	Agriculture.
81	(b) A member of the Legislature may contribute to his or
82	her own campaign but may not solicit or accept a campaign
83	contribution for a campaign for state, district, county, or
84	municipal office during the 60-day regular legislative session
85	and any extension thereof, a special legislative session, or the
86	business days of any week in which a legislative committee or
87	subcommittee is authorized to hold meetings and conduct
88	legislative business:
89	1. On his or her own behalf.
90	2. On behalf of a political party.
91	3. On behalf of any organization with respect to which his
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91 92	3. On behalf of any organization with respect to which his or her solicitation is regulated under s. 106.0701.
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101 business entity or any political party, affiliated party 102 committee, political committee, or electioneering communications 103 organization is convicted of knowingly and willfully violating 104 any provision punishable under this paragraph, it shall be fined 105 not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000. If it is a domestic entity, it may be ordered dissolved by a court of 106 107 competent jurisdiction; if it is a foreign or nonresident 108 business entity, its right to do business in this state may be 109 forfeited. Any officer, partner, agent, attorney, or other representative of a corporation, partnership, or other business 110 entity, or of a political party, affiliated party committee, 111 political committee, electioneering communications organization, 112 113 or organization exempt from taxation under s. 527 or s. 114 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, who aids, abets, advises, or participates in a violation of any provision 115 116 punishable under this paragraph commits a misdemeanor of the 117 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 118 775.083.

(b) Any person who knowingly and willfully makes or accepts two or more contributions in violation of subsection (1), or subsection (5), or subsection (7) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If any corporation, partnership, or other business entity or any political party, affiliated party committee, political committee, or electioneering communications

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126 organization is convicted of knowingly and willfully violating 127 any provision punishable under this paragraph, it shall be fined 128 not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$50,000. If it is a domestic entity, it may be ordered dissolved by a court of 129 130 competent jurisdiction; if it is a foreign or nonresident 131 business entity, its right to do business in this state may be 132 forfeited. Any officer, partner, agent, attorney, or other 133 representative of a corporation, partnership, or other business 134 entity, or of a political committee, political party, affiliated 135 party committee, or electioneering communications organization, or organization exempt from taxation under s. 527 or s. 136 137 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, who aids, abets, 138 advises, or participates in a violation of any provision 139 punishable under this paragraph commits a felony of the third 140 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 141 775.084.

(9) (8) Except when otherwise provided in subsection 142 143 (8) (7), any person who knowingly and willfully violates any 144 provision of this section shall, in addition to any other 145 penalty prescribed by this chapter, pay to the state a sum equal 146 to twice the amount contributed in violation of this chapter. 147 Each campaign treasurer shall pay all amounts contributed in 148 violation of this section to the state for deposit in the 149 General Revenue Fund.

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Section 3. Subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection

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151 (4), and paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section 106.141,152 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

153 106.141 Disposition of surplus funds by candidates <u>and</u> 154 political committees.—

155 (1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (6), each 156 candidate who withdraws his or her candidacy, becomes an 157 unopposed candidate, or is eliminated as a candidate or elected 158 to office shall, within 90 days, dispose of the funds on deposit 159 in his or her campaign account and file a report reflecting the 160 disposition of all remaining funds. Such candidate may not accept any contributions, nor may any person accept 161 162 contributions on behalf of such candidate, after the candidate withdraws his or her candidacy, becomes unopposed, or is 163 164 eliminated or elected. However, if a candidate receives a refund 165 check after all surplus funds have been disposed of, the check 166 may be endorsed by the candidate and the refund disposed of 167 under this section. An amended report must be filed showing the 168 refund and subsequent disposition.

169 (b) Each political committee that is dissolved shall, 170 within 90 days after such dissolution, dispose of all residual 171 funds and file a report reflecting the disposition of such 172 funds.

(4) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), any candidate or political committee required to dispose of funds pursuant to this section shall, at the option of the candidate <u>or political</u>

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176 <u>committee</u>, dispose of such funds by any of the following means, 177 or any combination thereof:

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

180 2. Donate the funds that have not been spent or obligated 181 to a charitable organization or organizations that meet the 182 qualifications of s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 183 except that <u>a</u> the candidate may not be employed by the 184 charitable organization to which he or she donates the funds.

185 3. For a candidate, give not more than \$25,000 of the 186 funds that have not been spent or obligated to the affiliated 187 party committee or political party of which such candidate is a 188 member.

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

a. To the state, to be deposited in <del>either the Election</del>
Campaign Financing Trust Fund or the General Revenue Fund, as
designated by the candidate; or

b. To a political subdivision, to be deposited in thegeneral fund thereof.

(8) (a) Any candidate <u>or political committee</u> required to dispose of campaign funds pursuant to this section shall do so within the time required by this section and, on or before the date by which such disposition is to have been made, shall file with the officer with whom reports are required to be filed pursuant to s. 106.07 a form prescribed by the Division of

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201 Elections listing: The name and address of each person or unit of 202 1. 203 government to whom any of the funds were distributed and the 204 amounts thereof; 205 2. The name and address of each person to whom an 206 expenditure was made, together with the amount thereof and 207 purpose therefor; 208 3. For a candidate, the amount of such funds transferred 209 to an office account by the candidate, together with the name 210 and address of the bank, savings and loan association, or credit union in which the office account is located; and 211 212 For a candidate, the amount of such funds retained 4. 213 pursuant to subsection (6), together with the name and address 214 of the bank, savings and loan association, or credit union in 215 which the retained funds are located. 216 217 Such report shall be signed by the candidate and the campaign 218 treasurer, in the case of a candidate, or by the campaign 219 treasurer, in the case of a political committee, and certified 220 as true and correct pursuant to s. 106.07. 221 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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