

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to campaign financing; amending s.
3 106.08, F.S.; removing a limitation on contributions
4 made to political committees that are in opposition to
5 certain constitutional amendments; providing
6 applicability of a limitation on certain political
7 contributions; providing a definition; providing that
8 a foreign national may not make or offer to make
9 certain contributions or expenditures; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
15 106.08, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (12) is
16 added to that section, to read:

17 106.08 Contributions; limitations on.—

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

21 1. To a candidate for statewide office or for retention as
22 a justice of the Supreme Court, \$3,000. Candidates for the
23 offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor on the same ticket
24 are considered a single candidate for the purpose of this
25 subparagraph.

26 2. ~~or~~ To a political committee that is the sponsor of ~~or~~
 27 ~~is in opposition to~~ a constitutional amendment proposed by
 28 initiative, \$3,000. This limitation applies only to persons who
 29 are not residents of the state and to political committees that
 30 have not registered an office under this chapter using a street
 31 address located within the state. However, the limitation on
 32 contributions to such political committees no longer applies
 33 once the Secretary of State has issued a certificate of ballot
 34 position and a designating number for the proposed amendment
 35 that the political committee is sponsoring ~~or opposing.~~
 36 ~~Candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor~~
 37 ~~on the same ticket are considered a single candidate for the~~
 38 ~~purpose of this section.~~

39 3.2. To a candidate for retention as a judge of a district
 40 court of appeal; a candidate for legislative office; a candidate
 41 for multicounty office; a candidate for countywide office or in
 42 any election conducted on less than a countywide basis; or a
 43 candidate for county court judge or circuit judge, \$1,000.

44 (12)(a)1. For purposes of this subsection, the term
 45 "foreign national" means:

- 46 a. A foreign government;
- 47 b. A foreign political party;
- 48 c. A foreign corporation, partnership, association,
 49 organization, or other combination of persons organized under

50 the laws of or having its principal place of business in a
51 foreign country;

52 d. A person with foreign citizenship; or

53 e. A person who is not a citizen or national of the United
54 States and is not lawfully admitted to the United States for
55 permanent residence.

56 2. The term does not include:

57 a. A person who is a dual citizen or dual national of the
58 United States and a foreign country.

59 b. A domestic subsidiary of a foreign corporation,
60 partnership, association, organization, or other combination of
61 persons organized under the laws or having its principal place
62 of business in a foreign country if:

63 (I) The donations and disbursements used toward a
64 contribution or an expenditure are derived entirely from funds
65 generated by the subsidiary's operations in the United States;
66 and

67 (II) All decisions concerning donations and disbursements
68 used toward a contribution or an expenditure are made by
69 individuals who either hold United States citizenship or are
70 permanent residents of the United States. For purposes of this
71 sub-sub-subparagraph, decisions concerning donations and
72 disbursements do not include decisions regarding the
73 subsidiary's overall budget for contributions or expenditures in
74 connection with an election.

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75 (b) A foreign national may not make or offer to make,
76 directly or indirectly, a contribution or expenditure in
77 connection with any election held in the state.

78 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.