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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to campaign communications; amending 3 s. 106.147, F.S.; prohibiting campaign-related 4 telephone calls and text messages to specified voters; 5 requiring candidates and other persons or 6 organizations to cease immediately all communications 7 with certain voters; specifying how a voter indicates 8 that he or she no longer consents to such 9 communications; authorizing a voter to bring a certain 10 action in a court of competent jurisdiction; providing 11 that such voter is entitled to reasonable attorney 12 fees and costs under a specified circumstance; specifying applicable penalties; providing an 13 14 effective date. 15 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 17 18 Section 1. Present subsection (4) of section 106.147, 19

Section 1. Present subsection (4) of section 106.147, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (5), a new subsection (4) is added to that section, and present subsection (4) of that section is amended, to read:

106.147 Text message and telephone solicitation; disclosure requirements; prohibitions; exemptions; penalties.—

(4) (a) A voter who indicates that he or she does not consent to receive communications, whether by telephone call or

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text message, may not be sent any communication pursuant to this section. The candidate, person, or organization responsible for such communications shall cease all communications with such voter immediately upon receipt of the voter's indication that he or she does not consent to receive such communication. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter may indicate that he or she no longer consents to receive such communications, in the case of a telephone call, upon the voter indicating on the call that he or she no longer wishes to receive such calls, or, in the case of a text message, upon the voter responding to the text message with "Stop."

- (b) If the candidate, person, or organization does not cease communicating with the voter after receiving his or her indication pursuant to paragraph (a), the voter may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin the violation. A voter who successfully enjoins the violation is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs.
- $\underline{\text{(5) (a)}}$ (4) (a) $\underline{\text{A}}$ Any person who willfully violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (b) For purposes of paragraph (a), the term "person" includes any individual or organization making an independent expenditure; any candidate; any officer of any political committee, affiliated party committee, or political party executive committee; any officer, partner, attorney, or other

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representative of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity; and any agent or other person acting on behalf of any candidate, political committee, affiliated party committee, political party executive committee, or corporation, partnership, or other business entity.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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