

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the registration of agents and
3 organizations associated with foreign countries of
4 concern; creating s. 106.031, F.S.; defining terms;
5 requiring agents of foreign countries of concern and
6 foreign-supported political organizations to register
7 with the Division of Elections within a specified
8 timeframe; requiring the registration of an agent of a
9 foreign country of concern be signed under oath;
10 requiring the division to create registration forms;
11 providing requirements for such forms; requiring
12 periodic updates by agents and organizations;
13 providing penalties for violations; providing an
14 effective date.

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

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18 **Section 1. Section 106.031, Florida Statutes, is created**
19 **to read:**

20 106.031 Registration of agents and organizations
21 associated with foreign nations.—

22 (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

23 (a) "Address" includes any address, no matter where
24 located, inside or outside of the United States.

25 (b) "Agent of a foreign country of concern" means a

26 person:

27 1. Who acts as an agent, an employee, a representative, or
28 a servant, or who otherwise acts at the order, at the request,
29 or under the direction or control, of a foreign country of
30 concern;

31 2. Whose actions are financed, in whole or in part, by a
32 foreign country of concern; and

33 3. Who engages in political activity.

34 (c) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's
35 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic
36 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic
37 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, the State of
38 Qatar, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or
39 any other entity under significant control of such foreign
40 country of concern.

41 (d) "Foreign-supported political organization" means a
42 political party or a domestic partnership, an association, a
43 corporation, an organization, or any other business entity that
44 engages in political activity within the state and that:

45 1. Has its principal place of business in a foreign
46 country of concern; or

47 2. Is at least 20 percent beneficially owned by a foreign
48 country of concern, a nonresident alien from a foreign country
49 of concern, or an entity organized under the laws of or having
50 its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern.

51 (e) "Payment" includes compensation and disbursement made
52 in any form, including, but not limited to, contributions,
53 income, money, tangible property, and intangible property.

54 (f) "Political activity" means an activity that is
55 performed to:

56 1. Influence an agency, a public official, or a local
57 governmental entity;

58 2. Influence the public in creating, adopting, or changing
59 state laws or government policies;

60 3. Support or oppose a candidate for office;

61 4. Influence the outcome of an election; or

62 5. Support or oppose any issue.

63 (2)(a) A person who becomes an agent of a foreign country
64 of concern must, within 10 days after becoming such an agent,
65 register with the division. The registration must be signed
66 under oath.

67 (b) The division shall create a form for the registration
68 required under paragraph (a). Such form must, at a minimum,
69 require the following information:

70 1. The registrant's name.

71 2. The address of the registrant's primary residence and
72 all other addresses associated with the registrant.

73 3. The name and address of the registrant's principal
74 place of business.

75 4. A detailed statement describing the nature of the

76 registrant's business.

77 5. The name of each foreign country of concern for whom
78 the registrant is acting, is assuming or purporting to act, or
79 has agreed to act.

80 6. A detailed statement describing the nature of the work
81 and the character of the business or other activities of each
82 foreign country of concern identified under subparagraph 5.

83 7. A statement detailing each time the registrant received
84 a payment from a foreign country of concern identified under
85 subparagraph 5. within the previous 90 days. The statement must
86 identify the amount of the payment and the nature of such
87 payment.

88 8. The total amount of such payments the registrant has
89 received within the previous 90 days from a foreign country of
90 concern identified under subparagraph 5.

91 9. A detailed statement of every activity the registrant,
92 or a person on behalf of the registrant, is performing, has
93 performed, or has agreed to perform on behalf of a foreign
94 country of concern identified under subparagraph 5.

95 10. If the registrant is also engaged in political
96 activity on behalf of a person who is not associated with a
97 foreign country of concern but who is an agent of a foreign
98 country of concern:

99 a. The name, employer, business and residence addresses,
100 and, if applicable, nationality of such person.

101 b. A detailed statement of all activities the registrant,
102 or a person on behalf of the registrant, is performing, has
103 performed, or has agreed to perform on behalf of such person.

104 c. A statement detailing each time the registrant received
105 a payment from such person within the previous 90 days. The
106 statement must identify the amount of the payment and the nature
107 of such payment.

108 11. A detailed statement of the payments made by the
109 registrant during the previous 90 days in connection with
110 actions taken by the registrant as an agent of, on behalf of, or
111 in furtherance of the goals of a foreign country of concern or a
112 person identified under subparagraph 10.

113 12. A detailed statement of any payments made by the
114 registrant during the previous 90 days related to any political
115 activity.

116 (c) A registrant must update the information required by
117 paragraph (b) at least every 90 days.

118 (d) A person must register as an agent of a foreign
119 country of concern for any period of time he or she was engaged
120 in such position.

121 (3) (a) On or before January 1, 2026, each foreign-
122 supported political organization must register with the
123 division.

124 (b) The division shall create a form for the registration
125 required under paragraph (a). Such form must, at a minimum,

126 require the following information:

127 1. The organization's name and mailing address and the
128 address of any physical office.

129 2. The names and titles of all officers or directors of
130 the organization.

131 3. The address of each person identified under
132 subparagraph 2.

133 4. A detailed statement of any payment made by the
134 organization that would constitute political activity during the
135 previous calendar year.

136 5. A detailed statement of any payment made to, or
137 received by, the organization from a foreign country of concern
138 or an agent of a foreign country of concern during the preceding
139 calendar year.

140 (c) An organization must update the information required
141 by paragraph (b) at least every 90 days.

142 (4) Upon a finding by the Florida Elections Commission of
143 a violation of this section, in addition to the remedies
144 provided in ss. 106.265 and 106.27, an agent of a foreign
145 country of concern or a foreign-supported political organization
146 may be liable for the following penalties:

147 (a) For any violation, a fine of up to \$500 per violation.

148 (b) For any willful or repeated violation, a fine of up to
149 \$2,000 per violation.

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