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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

House

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Senator Powell moved the following:

Senate Amendment to House Amendment (107453) (with title amendment)

Before line 1175

insert:

Section 29. Present subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 106.19, Florida Statutes, are redesignated 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



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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 any political committee; agent or person acting on behalf of any candidate, political committee, or political party; or other person who knowingly and willfully:

(a) Solicits, influences, or induces any individual to file as a candidate whom does not use her or his best efforts and skill or does not strive earnestly to win election or does not use, or is prevented from using, her or his best efforts and skill as a result of coercion, bribery, duress, threats, reward or promise thereof, physical incapacity or disability, suggestion or agreement, or any other improper or unlawful means; or

(b) Acts on behalf of any individual who files as a candidate whom does not use her or his best efforts and skill or does not strive earnestly to win election or does not use, or is prevented from using, her or his best efforts and skill as a result of coercion, bribery, duress, threats, reward or promise thereof, physical incapacity or disability, suggestion or agreement, or any other improper or unlawful means;

is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(3)~~(2)~~ Any candidate, campaign treasurer, or deputy treasurer; any chair, vice chair, or other officer of any political committee; any agent or person acting on behalf of any candidate, ~~or~~ political committee, or political party; or any



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other person who violates paragraph (1)(a), paragraph (1)(b), ~~or~~
paragraph (1)(d), or subsection (2) shall be subject to a civil
penalty equal to three times the amount involved in the illegal
act. Such penalty may be in addition to the penalties provided
by subsection (1) or subsection (2) and shall be paid into the
General Revenue Fund of this state.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Between lines 1312 and 1313

insert:

amending s. 106.19, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons
from soliciting, influencing, or inducing a certain
individual to file as a candidate for office or from
acting on behalf of such persons; providing civil and
criminal penalties;