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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to the definition of "political 3 committee"; amending s. 106.011, F.S.; 4 modifying the definition of "political 5 committee"; providing an effective date. 6 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 8 9 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 106.011, Florida 10 Statutes, is amended to read: 11 106.011 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the 12 following terms have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise: 13 14 (1)(a) "Political committee" means: 1. A combination of two or more individuals, or a 15 person other than an individual, that, in an aggregate amount 16 17 in excess of \$500 during a single calendar year: a. Accepts contributions for the purpose of making 18 19 contributions to any candidate, political committee, committee of continuous existence, or political party; 20 21 b. Accepts contributions for the purpose of expressly 22 advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or issue; 23 c. Makes expenditures for the purpose of expressly 24 advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or issue; or 25 d. Makes contributions to a common fund, other than a joint checking account between spouses, from which 26 27 contributions are made to any candidate, political committee, 28 committee of continuous existence, or political party. the primary or incidental purpose of which is to support or oppose 29 30 any candidate, issue, or political party, which accepts contributions or makes expenditures during a calendar year in

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1 an aggregate amount in excess of \$500; "political committee" 2 also means 3 2. The sponsor of a proposed constitutional amendment 4 by initiative who intends to seek the signatures of registered 5 electors. 6 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the following 7 entities shall not be considered political committees for 8 purposes of this chapter: 9 1. Organizations which are certified by the Department 10 of State as committees of continuous existence pursuant to s. 11 106.04, national political parties, and the state and county executive committees of political parties regulated by chapter 12 103 shall not be considered political committees for the 13 14 purposes of this chapter. 2. Corporations regulated by chapter 607 or chapter 15 617 or other business entities formed for purposes other than 16 17 to support or oppose issues or candidates, are not political committees if their political activities are limited to 18 19 contributions to candidates, political parties, or political 20 committees or expenditures in support of or opposition to an issue from corporate or business funds and if no contributions 21 22 are received by such corporations or business entities. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a 23 24 law. 25 *********** 26 27 SENATE SUMMARY Modifies the definition of "political committee" for 28 purposes of campaign financing. 29