

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: SB 216

INTRODUCER: Senator Justice, Senator Gaetz, and Others

SUBJECT: Campaign Financing/Local Government Expenditures

DATE: April 29, 2009

Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 563947 (body)

Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 is technical in nature. It simply clarifies that the bill’s prohibition against local governments using public funds for political ads and electioneering communications involving issues, referenda, and amendments subject to popular vote includes “state questions.”

(Florida law already defines the term “issue” to mean “any proposition which is required by the State Constitution, by law or resolution of the Legislature, or by the charter, ordinance, or resolution of any political subdivision of this state to be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection at an election, or any proposition for which a petition is circulated in order to have such proposition placed on the ballot at any election. Section 106.011(7), F.S.)