HB 591

2009

1 A bill to be entitled	
2 An act relating to campaign financing; creating s.	
3 106.113, F.S.; defining the terms "local government"	and
<pre>4 "public funds"; prohibiting a local government from</pre>	
5 expending, and a person or group from accepting, public	lic
6 funds for a political advertisement or electioneering	
 7 communication concerning an issue, referendum, or 	3
8 amendment that is subject to the vote of the elector	5;
9 providing an exception for certain electioneering	
10 communications; clarifying restrictions with respect	to
11 local officials; providing an effective date.	
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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:	
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15 Section 1. Section 106.113, Florida Statutes, is cr	eated
16 to read:	
17 <u>106.113 Expenditures by local governments</u>	
18 (1) As used in this section, the term:	
19 (a) "Local government" means:	
20 <u>1. A county, municipality, school district, or othe</u>	r
21 political subdivision in this state; and	
22 <u>2. Any department, agency, board, bureau, district,</u>	
23 <u>commission, authority, or similar body of a county,</u>	
24 municipality, school district, or other political subdivi-	sion of
25 this state.	
26 (b) "Public funds" means all moneys under the juris	diction
27 <u>or control of the local government.</u>	
28 (2) A local government or a person acting on behalf	of
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29	local government may not expend or authorize the expenditure of,
30	and a person or group may not accept, public funds for a
31	political advertisement or electioneering communication
32	concerning an issue, referendum, or amendment that is subject to
33	a vote of the electors. This subsection does not apply to an
34	electioneering communication from a local government or a person
35	acting on behalf of a local government which is limited to
36	factual information.
37	(3) With the exception of the prohibitions specified in
38	subsection (2), this section does not preclude an elected
39	official of the local government from expressing an opinion on
40	any issue at any time.
41	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.