A bill to be entitled
An act relating to campaign financing; amending s.
106.08, F.S.; providing a limitation on contributions
made to political committees sponsoring a
constitutional amendment proposed by initiative;
specifying conditions upon which the limitation no
longer applies; amending s. 106.141, F.S.; prohibiting
a candidate from donating surplus funds to a
charitable organization that employs the candidate;
providing that a candidate may give certain surplus
funds to the state or a political subdivision to be
disbursed in a specified manner; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
106.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

106.08 Contributions; limitations on.—
(1)(a) Except for political parties or affiliated party
committees, no person or political committee may, in any
election, make contributions in excess of the following amounts:
1. To a candidate for statewide office; a candidate or for
retention as a justice of the Supreme Court; or a political
committee that is the sponsor of a constitutional amendment
proposed by initiative, $3,000. However, the limitation on contributions for such a political committee no longer applies once the Secretary of State has issued a certificate of ballot position and a designating number for the proposed amendment. Candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor on the same ticket are considered a single candidate for the purpose of this section.

2. To a candidate for retention as a judge of a district court of appeal; a candidate for legislative office; a candidate for multicounty office; a candidate for countywide office or in any election conducted on less than a countywide basis; or a candidate for county court judge or circuit judge, $1,000.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 106.141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

106.141 Disposition of surplus funds by candidates.—
(4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), any candidate required to dispose of funds pursuant to this section shall, at the option of the candidate, dispose of such funds by any of the following means, or any combination thereof:

1. Return pro rata to each contributor the funds that have not been spent or obligated.

2. Donate the funds that have not been spent or obligated to a charitable organization or organizations that meet the qualifications of s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, except that the candidate may not be employed by the charitable
organization to which he or she donates the funds.

3. Give not more than $25,000 of the funds that have not been spent or obligated to the affiliated party committee or political party of which such candidate is a member.

4. Give the funds that have not been spent or obligated:
   a. In the case of a candidate for state office, To the state, to be deposited in either the Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund or the General Revenue Fund, as designated by the candidate; or
   b. In the case of a candidate for an office of a political subdivision, To a such political subdivision, to be deposited in the general fund thereof.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.