COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/HB 7041 (2021)

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	(Y/N)
OTHER	

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee Representative Smith, C. offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1219 and 1220, insert:

Section 28. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 106.19, Florida Statutes, are renumbered 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 campaigns, and political committees.-

12 (2) Any candidate; campaign manager, campaign treasurer, 13 or deputy treasurer of any candidate; committee chair, vice 14 chair, campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer, or other officer of 15 any political committee; agent or person acting on behalf of any

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16	candidate, political committee, or political party; or other
17	person who knowingly and willfully:
18	(a) Solicits, influences, or induces any individual to
19	file as a candidate whom does not use her or his best efforts
20	and skill or does not strive earnestly to win election or does
21	not use, or is prevented from using, her or his best efforts and
22	skill as a result of coercion, bribery, duress, threats, reward
23	or promise thereof, physical incapacity or disability,
24	suggestion or agreement, or any other improper or unlawful
25	means; or
26	(b) Acts on behalf of any individual who files as a
27	candidate whom does not use her or his best efforts and skill or
28	does not strive earnestly to win election or does not use, or is
29	prevented from using, her or his best efforts and skill as a
30	result of coercion, bribery, duress, threats, reward or promise
31	thereof, physical incapacity or disability, suggestion or
32	agreement, or any other improper or unlawful means;
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34	is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as
35	provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
36	(3)-(2) Any candidate, campaign treasurer, or deputy
37	treasurer; any chair, vice chair, or other officer of any
38	political committee; any agent or person acting on behalf of any
39	candidate, or political committee, or political party; or any
40	other person who violates paragraph (1)(a), paragraph (1)(b), or
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41 paragraph (1) (d), or subsection (2) shall be subject to a civil 42 penalty equal to three times the amount involved in the illegal 43 act. Such penalty may be in addition to the penalties provided 44 by subsection (1) or subsection (2) and shall be paid into the 45 General Revenue Fund of this state.

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48	TITLE AMENDMENT
49	Between lines 116 and 117, insert:
50	amending s. 106.19, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons
51	from soliciting, influencing, or inducing a certain
52	individual to file as a candidate for office or from
53	acting on behalf of such persons; providing civil and
54	criminal penalties;

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