Representative Smith, C. offered the following:

Amendment to Amendment (460984) (with title amendment)

Section 33. 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.—

(2) Any candidate; campaign manager, campaign treasurer, or deputy treasurer of any candidate; committee chair, vice chair, campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer, or other officer of
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any political committee; agent or person acting on behalf of any candidate, political committee, or political party; or other person who knowingly and willfully:

(a) Solicits, influences, or induces any individual to file as a candidate whom does not use her or his best efforts and skill or does not strive earnestly to win election or does not use, or is prevented from using, her or his best efforts and skill as a result of coercion, bribery, duress, threats, reward or promise thereof, physical incapacity or disability, suggestion or agreement, or any other improper or unlawful means; or

(b) Acts on behalf of any individual who files as a candidate whom does not use her or his best efforts and skill or does not strive earnestly to win election or does not use, or is prevented from using, her or his best efforts and skill as a result of coercion, bribery, duress, threats, reward or promise thereof, physical incapacity or disability, suggestion or agreement, or any other improper or unlawful means;

is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(3)(2) Any candidate, campaign treasurer, or deputy treasurer; any chair, vice chair, or other officer of any political committee; any agent or person acting on behalf of any candidate, or political committee, or political party; or any
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other person who violates paragraph (1)(a), paragraph (1)(b), paragraph (1)(d), or subsection (2) shall be subject to a civil penalty equal to three times the amount involved in the illegal act. Such penalty may be in addition to the penalties provided by subsection (1) or subsection (2) and shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund of this state.

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Title Amendment

Between lines 1373 and 1374, insert:

amending s. 106.19, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons from soliciting, influencing, or inducing a certain individual to file as a candidate for office or from acting on behalf of such persons; providing civil and criminal penalties;

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