Representative Smith, C. offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 1141 and 1142, insert:

Section 26. 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
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) 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
other person who violates paragraph (1)(a), paragraph (1)(b), or 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.

T I T L E  A M E N D M E N T

Remove line 142 and insert:
providing a penalty; 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; providing effective dates.