The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Taddeo) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 164 and 165 insert:

Section 3. Section 97.0292, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

97.0292 Recovery of public funds; investigation of false claims regarding conduct of an election.—The Secretary of State or the Attorney General may seek recovery in a court of competent jurisdiction of any public funds expended toward any
investigations of any knowingly false claims regarding the
outcome or the conduct of an election in this state which are
disseminated or distributed in this state by any person,
organization, media outlet, publisher, or other entity. A court
may also award punitive damages to the state equal to an amount
treble the full cost of public funds expended if the state
demonstrates to the court that a reasonable basis exists to
support such an award. The Secretary of State or the Attorney
General shall remit any portion of recovered public funds to any
affected supervisor of elections, law enforcement agency, or
other agency involved in the investigation of such false claims.

And the title is amended as follows:
Delete line 12
and insert:
certain election-related expenses; creating s.
97.0292, F.S.; authorizing the Secretary of State and
the Attorney General to seek recovery of public funds
expended in investigating false election claims
disseminated or distributed by certain parties;
authorizing a court to award punitive damages if
certain conditions exist; requiring the Secretary of
State or the Attorney General to remit any portion of
the recovered funds to an affected supervisor of
elections, law enforcement agency, or other agency;
amending s. 97.057,