

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FLORIDA ELECTION CODE

Statute	Summary	Penalty
F.S. 104.012	Prohibits anyone from receiving anything of value in consideration for becoming a registered voter.	Third Degree Felony
F.S. 104.061 (1)	Prohibits any person by bribery, threat or other corruption to interfere with someone's right to vote.	Third Degree Felony
F.S. 104.061 (2)	Prohibits anyone from directly or indirectly buying or influencing another person's vote.	Third Degree Felony
F.S. 104.071	Makes it unlawful for any candidate, or person supporting a candidate, to promise to appoint another person to any position, give or promise to give anything of value to any communications media, or give anything of value for any purpose prohibited by election laws in order to promote the nomination or election of a candidate.	Third Degree Felony Additional Penalty: Disqualification from office upon conviction
F.S. 104.185 (1)	Makes it unlawful to knowingly sign a petition for a candidate, a minor political party or an issue more than once.	First Degree Misdemeanor
F.S. 104.185 (2)	Makes is unlawful to knowingly sign another person's name or fictitious name to any petition for a candidate, minor political party or issue more than once.	First Degree Misdemeanor
F.S. 104.19	Prohibits voters from carrying into the voting booth any stickers, stamps, or anything, which might adversely affect the election process.	Second Degree Misdemeanor
F.S. 104.24	Prohibits the use of any assumed name in connection with an election.	Third Degree Felony
F.S. 105.071	Prohibits certain political activities on candidates for judicial office such as participation in political party activities, campaign as a member of a political party or make political speeches other than on his/her own behalf.	Civil fine of up to \$1,000 to be determined by the Florida Elections Commission
F.S. 105.09	Prohibits a political party or organization from endorsing or supporting any candidate for judicial office.	Second Degree Misdemeanor
F.S. 106.023	Requires a candidate to file a "statement of candidate" within ten (10) days of qualifying for office.	First Degree Misdemeanor Additional Penalty: Civil Penalty up to \$1,000 per count
F.S.106.025 (1)(a)	Prohibits a non-candidate from holding a campaign fundraiser unless person for whom funds used is a candidate for public office; also prohibits a candidate from consenting to a fundraiser unless he/she has designated a campaign depository and appointed a campaign treasurer.	First Degree Misdemeanor Additional Penalty: Civil Penalty up to \$1,000 per count
F.S. 106.025 (1)(b)	Requires a candidate to report all contributions and expenditures made with respect to a fundraiser.	First Degree Misdemeanor Additional Penalty: Civil Penalty up to \$1,000 per count
F.S. 106.025 (1)(c)	Requires a disclaimer statement on fundraiser tickets and advertising.	First Degree Misdemeanor Additional Penalty: Civil Penalty up to \$1,000 per count
F.S. 106.07 (2)(b)1	Requires treasurer to file addendum to campaign treasurer's report after receiving notice from the filing officer.	First Degree Misdemeanor Additional Penalty: Civil Penalty up to \$1,000 per count
F.S. 106.08 (1)	Prohibits a person from making contributions in excess of \$500 for each election.	First Degree Misdemeanor Additional Penalty: Civil Penalty up to \$1,000 per count Note: Civil Penalty for knowing and willful violation is equal to two (2) times amount of contribution.
F.S. 106.08 (7)(a)	Provides penalty for making no more than one (1) contribution in violation of F.S. 106.08(1), or for knowingly and willingly refusing to return a contribution, as provided in F.S. 106.08(7) (a). Provides penalty for making two (2) or more contributions in violation of contribution limits of F.S. 106.08(1), as provided in F.S. 106.08(7)(b).	First Degree Misdemeanor Third Degree Felony
F.S. 106.09 (1)	Prohibits a person from making or accepting a contribution in cash or cashier's check in excess of \$50.	First Degree Misdemeanor Additional Penalty: Civil Penalty up to \$1,000 per count
F.S. 106.15 (1)	Requires a candidate or person speaking on behalf of the candidate from paying money or giving anything of value to speak in the furtherance of his/her candidacy at a political meeting.	First Degree Misdemeanor Additional Penalty: Civil Penalty up to \$1,000 per count
F.S. 106.15 (3)	Prohibits a candidate, in the furtherance of his/her candidacy, from using the services of any officer or employee of the state (or government) during working hours.	First Degree Misdemeanor Additional Penalty: Civil Penalty up to \$1,000 per count

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F.S. 106.15 (4)	Prohibits a person from making, soliciting, or knowingly accepting any political contribution in a building owned by a government entity. "Accept" mean to receive a contribution by personal hand delivery from a contributor or his/her agent. This does not apply when a government owned building is rented for the specific purpose of holding a campaign fund raiser.	First Degree Misdemeanor Additional Penalty: Civil Penalty up to \$1,000 per count
F.S. 106.19 (1)(a)	Prohibits a person from accepting a contribution in excess of \$500.00 for each election.	First Degree Misdemeanor Additional Penalty: Civil Penalty up to \$1,000 per count Note: Civil penalty equal to three (3) times the amount involved in illegal act, pursuant to F.S. 106.19 (2)
F.S. 106.19 (1)(b)	Requires a person to report any contribution required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.	First Degree Misdemeanor Additional Penalty: Civil Penalty up to \$1,000 per count Note: Civil Penalty equal to three (3) times the amount involved in illegal act, pursuant to F.S. 106.19 (2)
F.S. 106.19 (1)(d)	Prohibits a person from making or authorizing any expenditure prohibited by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.	First Degree Misdemeanor Additional Penalty: Civil Penalty up to \$1,000 per count Note: Civil Penalty equal to three (3) times the amount involved in illegal act, pursuant to F.S. 106.19 (2)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ABOVE LIST OF PENALTIES IS NOT INCLUSIVE; YOU SHOULD REFER TO CHAPTERS 99 THRU 106 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND PENALTIES.