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**Political Committees
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes**

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By letter of June 30, 1976, you ask whether an association which encourages its members to contribute to a candidate and which forwards to the candidate's campaign treasurer members' checks (made payable to the candidate) is thereby a political committee.

The association is a person as defined by Section 106.011(7), Florida Statutes, until or unless engaging in the specified contribution or expenditure activity elaborated by Section 106.011(2), at which time it is a political committee.

Section 106.011(3)(a), Florida Statutes, defined a contribution as, inter alia, a "distribution of money or anything of value, . . ."

Accordingly, if the forwarding or distribution contemplated by your association falls within the specification of Section 106.011(2) or Section 106.03(1), Florida Statutes, it shall have to register and file as a political committee.

Your question is answered accordingly.