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House Bill 157

Sectional Analysis

“An Act requiring the disclosure of the identity of certain persons, groups, and nongroup entities that expend money in support of or in opposition to an application filed for a state referendum or recall election; and providing for an effective date.”

Sections 1: AS 15.13.010(b) – Applicability related to State Election Campaigns. Adds language related to initiative proposal, referendum, and recall applications.

Sections 2: AS 15.13.050(a) – Registration before expenditure. Adds language related to referendum and recall applications.

Sections 3: AS 15.13.065(c) – Contributions. Adds language related to referendum and recall applications.

Sections 4: AS 15.13.110(e) – Filing of Reports. Rewrites the language related to those receiving or making expenditures to support or oppose referendums. This language is identical to the language contained in AS 15.13.040(k) for ballot proposition reporting requirements and AS 15.13.110(g) for ballot initiative reporting requirements.

Sections 5: AS 15.13.110 – Filing of Reports. Adds a new subsection (k) for those receiving or making expenditures to support or oppose a recall. This language is identical to Section 4 of this bill and AS 15.13.040(k) for ballot proposition reporting requirements and AS 15.13.110(g) for ballot initiative reporting requirements.

Sections 6: AS 15.13.400(4) – Definitions. Modifies the definition of “contributions” to include groups and referendum and recall applications.

Sections 7: AS 15.13.400(7) – Definitions. Modifies the definition of “expenditures” to include referendum and recall applications.

Sections 8: AS 15.13.400(7) – Definitions. Modifies the definition of “group” to include referendum and recall applications.

Sections 9: Uncodified law. States that this Act applies only to referendums or recalls that are filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

Sections 10: Provides for a January 1, 2022 effective date.