

**HOUSE BILL NO. 245**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPHSON**

**Introduced: 1/18/22**

**Referred: State Affairs**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act relating to political contribution limits; and providing for an effective date."**

2    **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3    **\* Section 1.** AS 15.13.070(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

4            (b) An individual may contribute to a

5                    (1) candidate for the following offices an amount not to exceed:

6                            (A) \$1,500 a year, if the election is for governor or lieutenant  
7            governor;

8                            (B) \$1,000 a year, if the election is for the state senate;

9                            (C) \$700 a year, if the election is for the state house of  
10            representatives;

11                            (D) \$700 a year, if the election is for a

12                                    (i) delegate to a constitutional convention;

13                                    (ii) judge seeking retention; or

14                                    (iii) municipal office;

15                    (2) nongroup entity for the purpose of influencing the nomination or

election of a candidate, an amount not to exceed \$1,000 a year;

(3) group that is not a political party, an amount not to exceed \$1,000 a year; and

(4) political party, an amount not to exceed \$5,000 a year.

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 15.13.070(c) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(c) Each year, a group that is not a political party may contribute to a candidate, to another group, to a nongroup entity, or to a political party not more than twice the amount an individual is permitted to contribute to the candidate, group, nongroup entity, or political party under (b) of this section.

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 15.13.070(f) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(f) Each year, a nongroup entity may contribute to a candidate, to a group, to another nongroup entity, or to a political party not more than twice the amount an individual is permitted to contribute to the candidate, group, nongroup entity, or political party under (b) of this section.

\* **Sec. 4.** AS 15.13.070(g) is amended to read:

(g) Where contributions are made to a joint campaign for governor and lieutenant governor,

(1) an individual may contribute not more than **\$3,000 a** [\$1,000 PER] year; and

(2) a group may contribute not more than **\$6,000 a** [\$2,000 PER] year.

\* **Sec. 5.** AS 15.13.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(h) Beginning in the first quarter of calendar year 2023 and every five years thereafter, the commission shall, by regulation, adjust the contribution limitations set out in this section by a percentage equal to the percentage of increase over the preceding five-year period in all items of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for Anchorage, Alaska, rounded to the nearest \$50 increment.

\* **Sec. 6.** AS 15.13.072(e) is amended to read:

(e) A candidate or an individual who has filed with the commission the document necessary to permit that individual to incur election-related expenses under AS 15.13.100 may solicit or accept contributions from an individual who is not a resident of the state at the time the contribution is made, **but the amounts accepted**

1        **from individuals who are not residents may not exceed 50 percent of the total**  
2        **contributions made to the candidate or individual during the campaign** [IF THE  
3        AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT RESIDENTS  
4        DO NOT EXCEED

5                    (1)    \$20,000 A CALENDAR YEAR, IF THE CANDIDATE OR  
6        INDIVIDUAL IS SEEKING THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR OR LIEUTENANT  
7        GOVERNOR;

8                    (2)    \$5,000 A CALENDAR YEAR, IF THE CANDIDATE OR  
9        INDIVIDUAL IS SEEKING THE OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR;

10                   (3)    \$3,000 A CALENDAR YEAR, IF THE CANDIDATE OR  
11        INDIVIDUAL IS SEEKING THE OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE OR  
12        MUNICIPAL OR OTHER OFFICE].

13        \* **Sec. 7.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).