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**HB 234 Version C - Political Contribution Limits  
Sectional Analysis**

***“An Act relating to political contributions; relating to the location of offices for the Alaska Public Offices Commission and the locations at which certain statements and reports filed with the commission are made available.”***

**Section 1**

Amends AS 15.13.020(j) directing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to establish a central office that maintains copies of reports filed with the commission available to the public.  
Removes language requiring the commission to establish a regional office in each senate district.

**Section 2**

Amends AS 15.13.070(b) to change the limit an individual may contribute to a candidate, a write-in candidate, or to a non-group entity from \$500 per year to \$2,000 per campaign period.

Changes the amount an individual may contribute to a group to \$5,000 a year.

**Section 3**

Amends AS 15.13.070(c) to change the limit a group that is not a political party may contribute per year to a candidate or write-in candidate from \$1,000 per year to \$4,000 per campaign period.

Changes the amount a group that is not a political party may contribute to another group, nongroup entity, or political party to \$5,000 per year.

**Section 4**

Amends AS 15.13.070(f) to change the limit a nongroup entity may contribute to a candidate, write-in candidate, or another nongroup entity from \$1,000 per year to \$4,000 per campaign period

Changes the amount a nongroup entity may contribute to another group or political party to \$5,000 per year.

## **Section 5**

Amends AS 15.13.070(g) to change the limit an individual may contribute to a joint campaign for governor and lieutenant governor from \$1,000 per year to \$4,000 per campaign period.

Changes the limit a group may contribute to a joint campaign for governor and lieutenant governor from \$2,000 per year to \$8,000 per campaign period.

## **Section 6**

Amends AS 15.13.070 to include a new subsection (h) that states contribution limits provided under (b)(1), (c)(2), and (f) of this section do not apply to individuals, groups, or non-group entities contributing to a group or nongroup entity that makes solely independent expenditures.

Amends AS 15.13.070 to include a new subsection (i) directing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to update contribution limits every ten years, beginning the first quarter of 2031, based on consumer inflation rates for Anchorage, Alaska. These increases are rounded to the nearest \$50 increment.

## **Section 7**

Amends AS 15.13.072(e) stating that a candidate may not solicit or accept contributions from an individual who is not an Alaska resident if the amount would exceed 25% of the total contributions made to the candidate during the campaign.

## **Section 8**

Amends AS 15.13.110(i) prohibiting the Alaska Public Offices Commission from changing the manner or format in which a candidate must file a report during the campaign period.

## **Section 9**

Amends AS 15.13.400 to include a new paragraph (20) defining “campaign period” as the period beginning on the date a candidate becomes eligible to receive campaign contribution and ending on the date that candidate must file a final report.

## **Section 10**

Amends AS 24.45.091 to require that reports and statements filed with the commission must be made publicly accessible on their website.

## **Section 11**

Amends 24.45.111(b) to require that copies of all statements and reports filed with the commission be preserved for a period of six years. Copies must be maintained at the commission’s central location and be made available on the commission’s internet website.

## **Section 12**

Adds a new section stating that the retroactive language in Section 13 does not apply to campaign contributions made to influence the outcome of an election that occurred on or before this bill’s effective date.

**Section 13**

Adds an effective date of March 3, 2022 to AS 15.13.070 (b), (c), (f), (g), (h) as amended in Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 (respectively).