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## AN ACT

Relating to the filing of information with, and to information filed with, the Alaska Public Offices Commission; and providing for an effective date.

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

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2 Offices Commission; and providing for an effective date.

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4 \* **Section 1.** AS 15.13.040(m) is amended to read:

5 (m) Information required under this chapter shall be submitted to the  
6 commission electronically, except that the following information may be submitted in  
7 clear and legible black typeface or hand-printed in dark ink on paper in a format  
8 approved by the commission or on forms provided by the commission:

9 (1) information submitted by

10 (A) a candidate for election to a borough or city office of  
11 mayor, membership on a borough assembly, city council, or school board, or  
12 any state office, who

13 (i) meets the requirements of (g)(1) - (3) of this section;

14 or

(ii) does not have reasonable access to the technology necessary to file electronically; in this sub subparagraph, a candidate is considered not to have reasonable access to the technology necessary to file electronically if the candidate does not own a personal computer or does not have broadband Internet access at the candidate's residence; in this sub subparagraph, "broadband Internet access" means high-speed Internet access that is always on and that is faster than traditional dial-up access; or

(B) a candidate for municipal office for a municipality with a population of less than 15,000; in this subparagraph, "municipal office" means the office of an elected borough or city

(i) mayor; or

(ii) assembly, council, or school board member;

(2) any information if the commission determines that circumstances exception to the electronic submission requirement.

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 15.13.040 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(r) Notwithstanding the requirement in (a) of this section that a candidate shall make a full report upon a form prescribed by the commission, the commission shall accept information submitted electronically by a candidate if the information is

(1) entered onto a version of a form accessed on the Internet website of the commission; or

(2) in the form of an electronic spreadsheet or data file that contains field names and data types that conform to a standard defined by the commission.

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 15.13.110(c) is amended to read:

(c) All reports required by this chapter shall be filed with the commission's central office and shall be kept open to public inspection. The commission shall keep a report filed on paper under AS 15.13.040(m) open to public inspection by scanning the report and posting a copy of the scanned image on the commission's Internet website within two working days after the report is filed. The [WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER EACH ELECTION, THE] commission shall prepare a summary of

each report, which shall be made available to the public at cost upon request. Each summary **must** [SHALL] use uniform categories of reporting. **Summaries for reports filed**

**(1) electronically shall be made available within 30 days after the report is filed; and**

(2) on paper shall be made available within 30 days after each election.

\* **Sec. 4.** AS 15.13.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(i) During a campaign period, the commission may not change the manner or format in which reports required of a candidate under this chapter must be filed. In this subsection, "campaign period" means the period beginning on the date that a candidate becomes eligible to receive campaign contributions under this chapter and ending on the date that a final report for that same campaign must be filed.

\* **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TEMPORARY EXCEPTION TO ELECTRONIC FILING REQUIREMENT.

Notwithstanding AS 15.13.040(m), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, until February 16, 2013, the commission may request that a candidate submit information required under AS 15.13 electronically but shall accept any information required of a candidate under AS 15.13 that is typed in clear and legible black typeface or hand-printed in dark ink on paper in a format approved by the commission or on forms provided by the commission.

\* **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 15.13 and the rules of the Alaska Public Offices Commission, a candidate who has submitted information electronically in a format allowed under AS 15.13.040(r), enacted by sec. 2 of this Act, or on paper in a format approved by the commission, is not subject to a civil penalty under AS 15.13.390 for failure properly to file a report under AS 15.13.040 if the information was filed after December 1, 2011, and before the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act.

\* **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

1           RETROACTIVITY. Sections 1, 2, 4, and 5 of this Act are retroactive to December 1,  
2 2011.

3       **\* Sec. 8.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).