

# REPRESENTATIVE KEVIN J. McCABE

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE HOUSE DISTRICT 30

SESSION  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801  
Phone: (907) 465-2679  
Toll Free: (800) 505-2678



DISTRICT  
600 E. Railroad Ave., Suite 1  
Wasilla, AK 99654  
Phone: (907) 376-2679  
Toll Free: (800) 505-2678

## HB 371/Ver. A (34-LS1363\N) SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

*“An Act requiring a group supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot proposition in a state or local election to maintain an address in the state; et al.”*

**Section 1.** adds legislative findings and intent, stating that transparency in elections is in the best interests of the state, particularly regarding ballot propositions, and that disclosure of substantial nonresident funding supports an informed electorate and election integrity.

**Section 2.** amends AS 15.13.040(e) to expand reporting requirements for persons making independent expenditures. The section requires additional disclosure of expenditures, contributors, officers, directors, and detailed contribution information, including enhanced identification requirements for individual and non-individual contributors.

**Section 3.** amends AS 15.13.040(g) to modify and clarify exceptions to certain reporting requirements, including revised limits for small candidates and small groups that meet specified contribution and expenditure thresholds.

**Section 4.** amends AS 15.13.040(m) to clarify electronic filing requirements and specify circumstances under which paper filings are permitted, including for certain municipal candidates, small municipalities, and individuals lacking reasonable access to required technology.

**Section 5.** adds a new section (AS 15.13.042) requiring disclosure of “bundled contributions.” Candidates must report individuals who provide more than \$10,000 in bundled contributions during an election cycle, including identifying information and aggregate amounts. The section also defines “bundled contribution.”

**Section 6.** amends AS 15.13.050(a) to require groups and nongroup entities making independent expenditures to register with the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) before making such expenditures and to provide an in-state physical address or registered agent address.

**Section 7.** adds a new subsection (AS 15.13.050(d)) requiring registered groups or entities to maintain a physical address in Alaska or appoint an in-state registered agent, and to notify APOC within 10 days of any changes.

**Section 8.** amends AS 15.13.070 to limit contributions to groups or nongroup entities that make only independent expenditures to \$3,000 per year per contributor.

**Section 9.** adds a new section (AS 15.13.073) requiring groups or nongroup entities that receive a majority of contributions from nonresidents or non-Alaska-incorporated entities to register as “majority-nonresident-funded entities.”

**Section 10.** amends AS 15.13.090 to require additional disclosure statements in communications funded by independent expenditures made by majority-nonresident-funded entities. Such communications must include a clear statement indicating that a majority of contributions came from outside Alaska, in specified audio and visual formats.

**Section 11.** amends AS 15.13.110(a) to revise campaign reporting schedules, including pre-election and post-election reporting deadlines.

**Section 12.** amends AS 15.13.110(h) to strengthen independent expenditure reporting timelines, including enhanced 24-hour reporting requirements for expenditures exceeding specified thresholds close to an election and for certain large contributions used for independent expenditures.

**Section 13.** amends AS 15.13.110(i) to prohibit APOC from changing the format or manner of candidate reporting during an election cycle.

**Section 14.** adds a new reporting requirement (AS 15.13.110(l)) requiring majority-nonresident-funded entities to report large contributions exceeding \$500 within 24 hours, including contributor identifying information.

**Section 15.** amends AS 15.13.116(b) to revise post-election campaign asset disposition rules, clarifying what property may be retained, including computers, printers, bulk mailing permits, photographs, greeting cards, and campaign signs, and establishing conditions for continued use of certain assets.

**Section 16.** adds a new definition to AS 15.13.400 defining “election cycle” for purposes of campaign finance reporting.

**Section 17.** establishes applicability, stating that the Act does not apply to contributions made to influence elections occurring before the Act’s effective date.

**Section 18.** provides that the Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).