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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 42(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE LYNN

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act establishing the Legislative Study Group on the Establishment of an Immediate  
2 Online Political Campaign Reporting System; and directing the study group to prepare  
3 a report on the possibility of creating an immediate online state political campaign  
4 reporting system."

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

6 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
7 to read:

8 LEGISLATIVE STUDY GROUP ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN  
9 IMMEDIATE ONLINE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN REPORTING SYSTEM. (a) The  
10 Legislative Study Group on the Establishment of an Immediate Online Political Campaign  
11 Reporting System is established in the legislative branch of state government. The study  
12 group consists of nine voting members as follows:

13 (1) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of  
14 the house of representatives;

1 (2) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority  
2 leader of the house of representatives;

3 (3) one member from the senate appointed by the president of the senate;

4 (4) one member from the senate appointed by the minority leader of the  
5 senate;

6 (5) the executive director of the Alaska Public Offices Commission or the  
7 executive director's designee;

8 (6) one member who has expertise and training directly related to online  
9 banking technologies, appointed by the governor;

10 (7) one member from a banking entity who has expertise related to Alaska  
11 financial organizations, appointed by the governor; and

12 (8) two public members appointed by the governor.

13 (b) The chair of the study group shall be a legislative member selected by a majority  
14 vote of the members of the study group. The staff of the members who are legislators shall  
15 serve as staff to the study group.

16 (c) A majority of the study group constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business  
17 and is necessary for any action taken by the study group.

18 (d) The study group established under (a) of this section

19 (1) may begin work immediately on the appointment of its full membership;

20 (2) shall hold public hearings and may perform research related to its work;

21 (3) shall give public notice of all meetings of the study group and ensure that  
22 all meetings are open to the public;

23 (4) may meet in the interim and may meet telephonically;

24 (5) shall submit a written interim report of the study group's progress to the  
25 State Affairs committees of the house of representatives and the senate by January 19, 2010;  
26 and

27 (6) shall submit the full written report of its findings and recommendations to  
28 the State Affairs committees of the house of representatives and senate on or before  
29 February 1, 2011; the committees shall hold one or more public hearings to receive testimony;  
30 the hearings may be joint hearings.

31 (e) The study group shall prepare a report that

1 (1) reviews how the technologies employed in existing online banking systems  
2 that are used by individuals and businesses to monitor financial transactions, check account  
3 balances, and transfer funds might be used for state political campaign reporting; and

4 (2) contains policy recommendations regarding how technologies employed in  
5 online banking might be used by the Alaska Public Offices Commission or a financial  
6 institution retained by the Alaska Public Offices Commission to make reports of contributions  
7 to, expenditures of, and services supplied to state political campaigns immediately accessible  
8 to the public online.

9 (f) Members of the study group are entitled to transportation expenses and per diem  
10 allowances provided by law.

11 (g) The Legislative Study Group on the Establishment of an Immediate Online  
12 Political Campaign Reporting System is terminated on February 8, 2011.