

Explanation of Changes in CSHB409 (STA)

From original Version R to current Version S

Title: Added language to include the “**making,**” reporting and disclosure of “**contributions**” and “**the prohibition of all anonymous expenditures.**”

Section 3: Amended AS 15.13.040(d) to clarify that the expenditure to be reported is an “**independent**” expenditure.

Section 7: Amended AS 15.13.067 to specify who may make an expenditure “**that is not an independent expenditure.**”

Section 8. Added a new section, AS 15.13.068, prohibiting a foreign national from directly or indirectly making a contribution or expenditure in connection with a state election to the extent permitted by federal law.

Section 10: Amended AS 15.13.084 to prohibit a person from making an expenditure anonymously.

Section 11. Amended AS 15.13.090 (2)(D) to change communication identification requirements to include “**the name and city and state of residence or principal place of business**” while reducing the number of top contributors to be identified from **five to three**, if applicable.

Section 12: Added three new subsections under AS 15.13.090. Identification of communication:

(d) to require that a communication that includes both audio and video components to be both read and placed in the communication as a disclaimer.

(e) to require a communication from a person that a foreign government has at least 10 percent ownership interest in to identify the government’s ownership interest.

(f) to allow the person paying for the communication, other than an individual, to be named by the person’s common name.

Section 13: Amended 15.13.110 (g) to require that an independent expenditure report be filed with APOC within 24 hours of the expenditure being made.

Section 16: Amended to eliminate the repeal of 15.13.067.

Section 17: Added a severability clause so that if any provision of this Act is held invalid the remainder of this Act will not be affected.