

SB 5 – Political Contribution Limits/Prohibitions

Sectional Summary

Section 1 – States that a political group controlled by a member of the legislature may not solicit or accept a contribution, or make a contribution or expenditure for the purposes of influencing an election, while the legislature is convened in a regular or special session

This section clarifies that political action groups controlled by members of the legislature cannot raise or spend funds during a legislative session. Per AS 15.13.074(d), legislative candidates may not solicit or accept funds during a legislative session. SB 5 adds the additional prohibition on spending campaign funds for political action groups.

Section 2 – States that a lobbyist may not make a contribution to a candidate for the legislature or a political group that:

- a) is controlled by
 - a. a member of the legislature; or
 - b. a candidate for the legislature

This section attaches the same prohibition of a lobbyist contributing to a candidate for the legislature from contributing to a group that is controlled by a legislator or candidate for the legislature.

Section 3 – Provides an exception to the lobbyist contribution prohibition in section 2, provided that the candidate for the legislature is from within their own election district

This section allows a lobbyist to contribute to a legislator, or a candidate for the legislature, only if they are within the same district in which the lobbyist is eligible to vote.

Section 4 - Definitions