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CS for House Bill 157

Explanation of Changes

"An Act requiring the disclosure of the identity of certain persons, groups, and nongroup entities that expend money in support of or in opposition to an application filed for a state referendum or recall election; relating to the location of offices for the Alaska Public Offices Commission and the locations at which certain statements and reports filed with the commission are made available; relating to the duties of the Alaska Public Offices Commission; clarifying the limits on making, accepting, and reporting certain cash campaign contributions; relating to campaign finance reporting by certain groups; increasing the time the Alaska Public Offices Commission has to respond to a request for an advisory opinion; repealing a reporting requirement for certain contributions; relating to contribution limits and recall campaigns; and providing for an effective date."

Changes in House Finance includes statutory clean up language to allow for APOC to run more efficiently and cost effectively.

- It removes the requirement for an APOC office to be located in each Senate District
- Removes the word "ALL" from the phrase "examine, investigate, and compare [all] reports, statements, and actions required by this chapter."
- Clarifies that contributions and expenditures are in a calendar year instead of left open ended.
- Makes requests for advisory opinions to be returned within seven business days instead of seven calendar days.
- Provides for publication of reports and archives of statements and reports to be posted on their website as well as have copies available at the central office.
- Repeals duplicative reporting requirements with respect to ballot initiative groups. The same language can be found in AS 15.13.040(k) and AS 15.13.110(g).
- Provides that recall applications are subject to group contribution limitations whereas referendum applications are not.