

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR SHOWER

TO: CSHB 234(STA) am(efd fld)

Page 4, following line 7:

Insert new bill sections to read:

"* **Sec. 9.** AS 15.13 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 15.13.148. Certain independent expenditures reportable as political contributions. (a) The value of compensation provided by an employer to an employee, as determined under (d) of this section, for the employee's efforts to influence an election on behalf of a particular candidate, group, nongroup entity, or group that is a political party, is a contribution from the employer to the candidate, group, nongroup entity, or group that is a political party, regardless of whether the employer is acting in consultation or cooperation with, at the suggestion or the request of, or with the prior consent of the candidate, group, nongroup entity, or group that is a political party.

(b) An employer shall promptly report to a candidate, group, nongroup entity, or group that is a political party the value, as determined under (d) of this section, of compensation the employer provided an employee for the employee's efforts to influence an election on behalf of the particular candidate, group, nongroup entity, or group that is a political party.

(c) A candidate, group, nongroup entity, or group that is a political party shall report the value of the compensation provided by an employer to an employee for engaging in efforts to influence the outcome of an election on behalf of the candidate, group, nongroup entity, or group that is a political party to the commission under AS 15.13.040 as a contribution from the employer to the candidate, group, nongroup entity, or group that is a political party.

(d) For the purposes of this section, the value of compensation an employer provides an employee for the person's efforts to influence an election on behalf of a candidate, group, nongroup entity, or group that is a political party, is the monetary value of the compensation the employer provides the employee, that the employer would not otherwise provide the employee, for the employee to engage in efforts to influence the outcome of an election on behalf of the candidate, group, nongroup entity, or group that is a political party.

* **Sec. 10.** AS 15.13.400(4) is amended to read:

(4) "contribution"

(A) means, **except as provided by AS 15.13.148**, a purchase, payment, promise or obligation to pay, loan or loan guarantee, deposit or gift of money, goods, or services for which charge is ordinarily made, and includes the payment by a person other than a candidate or political party, or compensation for the personal services of another person, that is rendered to the candidate or political party, and that is made for the purpose of

(i) influencing the nomination or election of a candidate;

(ii) influencing a ballot proposition or question; or

(iii) supporting or opposing an initiative proposal application filed with the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.020;

(B) does not include

(i) services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a political party, candidate, or ballot proposition or question;

(ii) ordinary hospitality in a home;

(iii) two or fewer mass mailings before each election by each political party describing members of the party running as candidates for public office in that election, which may include photographs, biographies, and information about the candidates;

(iv) the results of a poll limited to issues and not mentioning any candidate, unless the poll was requested by or designed

1 primarily to benefit the candidate;

2 (v) any communication in the form of a newsletter from
3 a legislator to the legislator's constituents, except a communication
4 expressly advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or a
5 newsletter or material in a newsletter that is clearly only for the private
6 benefit of a legislator or a legislative employee;

7 (vi) a fundraising list provided without compensation
8 by one candidate or political party to a candidate or political party; or

9 (vii) an opportunity to participate in a candidate forum
10 provided to a candidate without compensation to the candidate by
11 another person and for which a candidate is not ordinarily charged;

12 * **Sec. 11.** AS 15.13.400(11) is amended to read:

13 (11) "independent expenditure" means, except as provided by
14 **AS 15.13.148,** an expenditure that is made without the direct or indirect consultation
15 or cooperation with, or at the suggestion or the request of, or with the prior consent of,
16 a candidate, a candidate's campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer, or another
17 person acting as a principal or agent of the candidate;"

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19 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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21 Page 4, line 30:

22 Delete "Section 13"

23 Insert "Section 16"

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25 Page 5, line 7:

26 Delete "sec. 9"

27 Insert "sec. 12"