

SENATE BILL NO. 17

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR KAWASAKI

Introduced: 1/18/23

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to political contributions; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 15.13.070(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) An individual may contribute not more than

5 (1) **\$700** [\$500] per year to a nongroup entity for the purpose of
6 influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, to a candidate, to an individual
7 who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate, or to a group that is not a political
8 party;

9 (2) \$5,000 per year to a political party.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.13.070(c) is amended to read:

11 (c) A group that is not a political party may contribute not more than **\$1,400**
12 [\$1,000] per year

13 (1) to a candidate, or to an individual who conducts a write-in
14 campaign as a candidate;

15 (2) to another group, to a nongroup entity, or to a political party.

1 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.13.070(f) is amended to read:

2 (f) A nongroup entity may contribute not more than \$1,400 [\$1,000] a year to
3 another nongroup entity for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a
4 candidate, to a candidate, to an individual who conducts a write-in campaign as a
5 candidate, to a group, or to a political party.

6 * **Sec. 4.** AS 15.13.070(g) is amended to read:

7 (g) Where contributions are made to a joint campaign for governor and
8 lieutenant governor,

9 (1) an individual may contribute not more than \$1,400 [\$1,000] per
10 year; and

11 (2) a group may contribute not more than \$2,800 [\$2,000] per year.

12 * **Sec. 5.** AS 15.13.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 (h) Beginning in the first quarter of calendar year 2024 and every four years
14 thereafter, the commission shall, by regulation, adjust the contribution limitations set
15 out in this section by a percentage equal to the percentage of increase over the
16 preceding four-year period in all items of the Consumer Price Index for all urban
17 consumers for Anchorage, Alaska, rounded to the nearest \$10 increment.

18 * **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).