

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 364(JUD)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/14/96  
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE BUNDE

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act amending, in the Election Code, the definition of the offense of unlawful  
2 interference with voting in the first degree, a class C felony, and adding, for all  
3 'knowing' violations of election offenses set out in the Election Code, a cross-  
4 reference to the definition of the word 'knowing' in the Criminal Code."

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

6 \* **Section 1.** AS 15.56.030(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) A person commits the crime of unlawful interference with voting in the first  
8 degree if the person

9 (1) uses, threatens to use, or causes to be used force, coercion, violence,  
10 or restraint, [;] or [IF THE PERSON] inflicts, threatens to inflict, or causes to be  
11 inflicted damage, harm, or loss, upon or against another person to induce or compel that  
12 person to vote or refrain from voting [FOR A CANDIDATE] in an election [OR FOR  
13 ANY ELECTION PROPOSITION OR QUESTION];

14 (2) knowingly pays, offers to pay [GIVES, PROMISES TO GIVE,

1 OFFERS], or causes to be **paid** [GIVEN OR OFFERED] money or other valuable thing  
2 to a person [WITH THE INTENT TO INDUCE THE PERSON] to vote [FOR] or refrain  
3 from voting **in** [FOR A CANDIDATE AT] an election [OR FOR AN ELECTION  
4 PROPOSITION OR QUESTION]; or

5 (3) solicits, accepts, or agrees to accept money or other valuable thing  
6 with the intent to vote for or refrain from voting for a candidate at an election or for an  
7 election proposition or question.

8 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 15.56.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (d) For purposes of (a)(2) and (3) of this section, "other valuable thing"

10 (1) includes, but is not limited to,

11 (A) an entry in a game of chance in which a prize of money or  
12 other present or future pecuniary gain or advantage may be awarded to a  
13 participant; and

14 (B) government employment or benefits;

15 (2) does not include

16 (A) materials having a nominal value bearing the name, likeness,  
17 or other identification of a candidate, political party, committee, or organization,  
18 or stating a position on a ballot proposition or question;

19 (B) food and refreshments provided incidental to a gathering in  
20 support of or in opposition to a candidate, political committee, or ballot question  
21 or proposition;

22 (C) child care services provided in connection with the absence  
23 of a voter from home for the purpose of voting; and

24 (D) transportation of a voter to or from the polls without charge.

25 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 15.56 is amended by adding a new section to read:

26 Sec. 15.56.199. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter,

27 (1) "election" includes a local election as defined in AS 15.60.010 in  
28 addition to a state election;

29 (2) "knowingly" has the meaning given in AS 11.81.900(a).

30 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 15.56.120 is repealed.