

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 177(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/22/01

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act placing certain special interest organizations within the definition of 'group' for**
2 **purposes of Alaska's campaign finance statutes; and requiring disclosure of the true**
3 **source of campaign contributions."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Full Disclosure of Campaign Finance
8 Act.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.13.040(b) is amended to read:

10 (b) Each group shall make a full report upon a form prescribed by the
11 commission, listing

12 (1) the name and address of each officer and director;

13 (2) the aggregate amount of all contributions made to it; and, for all
14 contributions in excess of \$100 in the aggregate a year, the name, address, principal

1 occupation, and employer of the contributor, and the date and amount contributed by
 2 each contributor; **for purposes of this paragraph, "contributor" means the true**
 3 **source of the funds, property, or services being contributed;** and

4 (3) the date and amount of all contributions made by it and all
 5 expenditures made, incurred or authorized by it.

6 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.13.400(5) is amended to read:

7 (5) "group" means (A) every state and regional executive committee of
 8 a political party; [AND] (B) any combination of two or more individuals acting jointly
 9 who organize for the principal purpose of influencing the outcome of one or more
 10 elections and who take action the major purpose of which is to influence the outcome
 11 of an election; **and (C) a special interest organization; for purposes of this**
 12 **subparagraph, a special interest organization is a person, other than an**
 13 **individual, that cannot participate in business activities, does not have**
 14 **shareholders who have a claim on corporate earnings, and is independent from**
 15 **the influence of business corporations;** a group that makes expenditures or receives
 16 contributions with the authorization or consent, express or implied, or under the
 17 control, direct or indirect, of a candidate shall be considered to be controlled by that
 18 candidate; a group whose major purpose is to further the nomination, election, or
 19 candidacy of only one individual, or intends to expend more than 50 percent of its
 20 money on a single candidate, shall be considered to be controlled by that candidate
 21 and its actions done with the candidate's knowledge and consent unless, within 10
 22 days from the date the candidate learns of the existence of the group the candidate files
 23 with the commission, on a form provided by the commission, an affidavit that the
 24 group is operating without the candidate's control; a group organized for more than
 25 one year preceding an election and endorsing candidates for more than one office or
 26 more than one political party is presumed not to be controlled by a candidate;
 27 however, a group that contributes more than 50 percent of its money to or on behalf of
 28 one candidate shall be considered to support only one candidate for purposes of
 29 AS 15.13.070, whether or not control of the group has been disclaimed by the
 30 candidate;