

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

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

BY REPRESENTATIVE CRAWFORD

Introduced: 1/10/05

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to amending reporting requirements for contributions to groups;**
2 **relating to limitations on the amount of political contributions by individuals and**
3 **groups; amending the definition of the term 'lobbyist' in the Regulation of Lobbying**
4 **Act; amending the requirement for the reporting of financial interests by certain public**
5 **officials in the legislative branch; and providing for an effective date."**

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

7 *** Section 1.** AS 15.13.040(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) **Each** [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN (I) OF THIS SECTION, EACH]
9 group shall make a full report upon a form prescribed by the commission, listing
10 (1) the name and address of each officer and director;
11 (2) the aggregate amount of all contributions made to it;
12 (3) **for all contributions in excess of \$100 in the aggregate during a**
13 **calendar year,** the name, address, **principal occupation, and employer of the**

1 **contributor, and the** date [,] and amount contributed by each contributor [AND, FOR
 2 CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF \$250 IN THE AGGREGATE DURING A
 3 CALENDAR YEAR, THE PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER OF THE
 4 CONTRIBUTOR]; and

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

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.13.070(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) An individual may contribute not more than

9 (1) **\$500 a** [\$1,000 PER] year to a nongroup entity for the purpose of
 10 influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, to a candidate, to an individual
 11 who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate, or to a group that is not a political
 12 party;

13 (2) **\$5,000 a** [\$10,000 PER] year to a political party [FOR THE
 14 PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING THE NOMINATION OR ELECTION OF A
 15 CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES].

16 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.13.070(c) is amended to read:

17 (c) A group that is not a political party may contribute not more than **\$1,000 a**
 18 **year**

19 (1) [\$2,000 PER YEAR] to a candidate, or to an individual who
 20 conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate;

21 (2) [\$2,000 PER YEAR] to another group, **to** [OR] a nongroup entity,
 22 [;] or

23 [(3) \$4,000 PER YEAR] to a political party.

24 * **Sec. 4.** AS 24.45.171(10) is amended to read:

25 (10) "lobbyist" means a person who

26 (A) **is employed and receives payments, or who contracts**
 27 **for economic consideration, including reimbursement for reasonable**
 28 **travel and living expenses, to communicate directly or through the**
 29 **person's agents with any public official for the purpose of influencing**
 30 **legislative or administrative action for more than 10 hours in any 30-day**
 31 **period in one calendar year; or**

1 **(B) represents the person as engaging** [ENGAGES] in the
 2 **influencing of legislative or administrative action as a** business, occupation,
 3 or profession [OF INFLUENCING LEGISLATIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE
 4 ACTION; OR

5 (B) RECEIVES WAGES OR OTHER ECONOMIC
 6 CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL AND
 7 LIVING EXPENSES, TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH ANY
 8 PUBLIC OFFICIAL

9 (i) FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF
 10 INFLUENCING LEGISLATIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION;
 11 AND

12 (ii) DURING MORE THAN 40 HOURS IN ANY 30-
 13 DAY PERIOD IN ONE CALENDAR YEAR];

14 * **Sec. 5.** AS 24.60.200(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) A legislator, a public member of the committee, and a legislative director
 16 shall file a disclosure statement, under oath and on penalty of perjury, with the Alaska
 17 Public Offices Commission giving the following information about the income
 18 received by the discloser, the discloser's spouse or domestic partner, the discloser's
 19 dependent children, and the discloser's nondependent children who are living with the
 20 discloser:

21 (1) the information that a public official is required to report under
 22 AS 39.50.030, other than information about gifts;

23 (2) as to income in excess of **\$1,000** [\$5,000] received as
 24 compensation for personal services, the name and address of the source of the income,
 25 and a statement describing the nature of the services performed; if the source of
 26 income is known or reasonably should be known to have a substantial interest in
 27 legislative, administrative, or political action and the recipient of the income is a
 28 legislator or a legislative director, the amount of income received from the source shall
 29 be disclosed;

30 (3) as to each loan or loan guarantee over \$1,000 from a source with a
 31 substantial interest in legislative, administrative, or political action, the name and

1 address of the person making the loan or guarantee, the amount of the loan, the terms
2 and conditions under which the loan or guarantee was given, the amount outstanding
3 at the time of filing, and whether or not a written loan agreement exists.

4 * **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2006.