

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 305(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 1/23/08

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MEYER, Chenault, Fairclough, Olson, Neuman, Ramras

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to campaign fund raising during a regular or special legislative session
2 by a candidate for election to the legislature, a legislator, or a legislative employee; and
3 providing for an effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 15.13.072(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) A legislator or legislative employee [CANDIDATE OR AN
7 INDIVIDUAL] who has filed with the commission the document necessary to permit
8 that individual to incur election-related expenses under AS 15.13.100

9 (1) for election [OR REELECTION] to the state legislature may not
10 solicit or accept a contribution while the legislature is convened in a regular or special
11 legislative session unless the solicitation or acceptance occurs

12 (A) [(1)] during the 90 days immediately preceding an election
13 in which the candidate or individual is a candidate; and

14 (B) [(2)] in a place other than the capital city or a location in

1 which the legislature is convened in a regular or special session if the
 2 location is other than the capital city;

3 (2) who is a legislator or legislative employee and who is seeking
 4 election to state office or to municipal office may not solicit or accept a
 5 contribution for the legislator or legislative employee's own campaign while the
 6 legislature is convened in a regular or special legislative session unless the
 7 solicitation or acceptance occurs

8 (A) during the 90 days immediately preceding an election in
 9 which the legislator or legislative employee is a candidate; and

10 (B) in a place other than the capital city or a location in
 11 which the legislature is convened in regular or special session if the
 12 location is other than the capital city.

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.13.074 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

14 (j) While the legislature is convened in a regular or special legislative session,
 15 a legislator may not solicit or accept a contribution to be used for the purpose of
 16 influencing the outcome of an election under this chapter unless

17 (1) it is an election in which the legislator is a candidate;

18 (2) the solicitation or acceptance occurs during the 90 days
 19 immediately preceding that election; and

20 (3) the solicitation or acceptance occurs in a place other than the
 21 capital city or a location in which the legislature is convened in a regular or special
 22 session if the location is other than the capital city.

23 * **Sec. 3.** AS 24.60.031(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) A [LEGISLATOR OR] legislative employee may not

25 (1) on a day when either house of the legislature is in regular or special
 26 session, solicit or accept a contribution or a promise or pledge to make a contribution
 27 for a campaign for municipal, state, or federal office [THE STATE
 28 LEGISLATURE]; however, a [LEGISLATOR OR] legislative employee may, except
 29 in the capital city or in the location in which the legislature is convened in regular
 30 or special session if the location is other than the capital city, solicit or accept a
 31 contribution, promise, or pledge for a campaign for municipal, state, or federal

1 **office** [THE STATE LEGISLATURE] that occurs during the 90 days immediately
 2 preceding **the** [AN] election **for that office; or**

3 (2) accept money from an event held on a day when either house of the
 4 legislature is in regular or special session if a substantial purpose of the event is to
 5 raise money on behalf of the [MEMBER OR] legislative employee for [STATE
 6 LEGISLATIVE] political purposes; however, this paragraph does not prohibit a
 7 [LEGISLATOR OR] legislative employee from accepting money from an event held
 8 in a place other than the capital city **or a location in which the legislature is**
 9 **convened in regular or special session if the location is other than the capital city**
 10 during the 90 days immediately preceding an election **for public office in which the**
 11 **legislative employee is a candidate** [; OR

12 (3) IN A CAMPAIGN FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE, EXPEND
 13 MONEY THAT WAS RAISED ON A DAY WHEN EITHER HOUSE OF THE
 14 LEGISLATURE WAS IN A LEGISLATIVE SESSION BY OR ON BEHALF OF A
 15 LEGISLATOR UNDER A DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY OR A GENERAL
 16 LETTER OF INTENT TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE;
 17 HOWEVER, THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO MONEY RAISED IN A
 18 PLACE OTHER THAN THE CAPITAL CITY DURING THE 90 DAYS
 19 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING AN ELECTION].

20 * **Sec. 4.** AS 24.60.031 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

21 (c) A legislator may not

22 (1) on a day when either house of the legislature is in regular or special
 23 session, solicit or accept a contribution or a promise or pledge to make a contribution

24 (A) for the legislator's own campaign for public office, unless
 25 the solicitation, acceptance, promise, or pledge occurs in a place other than the
 26 capital city or a location in which the legislature is convened in regular or
 27 special session if the location is other than the capital city during the 90 days
 28 immediately preceding the election in which the legislator is a candidate;

29 (B) for another candidate in an election for municipal, state, or
 30 federal office; or

31 (C) to influence a state ballot proposition or question;

1 (2) accept money from an event held on a day when either house of the
2 legislature is in regular or special session if a substantial purpose of the event is to
3 raise money on behalf of the legislator's campaign for public office; however, this
4 paragraph does not prohibit a legislator from accepting money from an event held in a
5 place other than the capital city or a location in which the legislature is convened in
6 regular or special session if the location is other than the capital city during the 90
7 days immediately preceding an election in which the legislator is a candidate; or

8 (3) in a campaign for municipal, state, or federal office, expend money
9 that was raised on a day when either house of the legislature was in a legislative
10 session by or on behalf of a legislator under a declaration of candidacy or a general
11 letter of intent to become a candidate for public office; however, this paragraph does
12 not apply to money raised in a place other than the capital city or a location in which
13 the legislature is convened in regular or special session if the location is other than the
14 capital city during the 90 days immediately preceding an election in which the
15 legislator is a candidate.

16 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).