

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 305(RLS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/6/08

Referred: Rules

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

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to campaign fund raising during a regular or special legislative session;**
2 **and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 15.13.072(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 (d) While the legislature is convened in a regular or special legislative session,
6 a legislator or legislative employee may not solicit or accept a contribution to be used
7 for the purpose of influencing the outcome of an election under this chapter unless

8 (1) it is an election in which the legislator or legislative employee is a
9 candidate and the contribution is for that legislator's or legislative employee's
10 campaign;

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

13 (3) the solicitation or acceptance occurs in a place other than the
14 capital city or a location in which the legislature is convened in special session if the

1 location is other than the capital city.

2 * **Sec. 2.** AS 24.60.031(a) is amended to read:

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

4 (1) on a day when either house of the legislature is in regular or special
5 session, solicit or accept a contribution or a promise or pledge to make a contribution
6 for a campaign for **municipal, state, or federal office** [THE STATE
7 LEGISLATURE]; however, a [LEGISLATOR OR] legislative employee may, except
8 in the capital city **or in the location in which the legislature is convened in special**
9 **session if the location is other than the capital city**, solicit or accept a contribution,
10 promise, or pledge for a campaign for **municipal, state, or federal office** [THE
11 STATE LEGISLATURE] that occurs during the 90 days immediately preceding **the**
12 [AN] election **for that office; or**

13 (2) accept money from an event held on a day when either house of the
14 legislature is in regular or special session if a substantial purpose of the event is to
15 raise money on behalf of the [MEMBER OR] legislative employee for [STATE
16 LEGISLATIVE] political purposes; however, this paragraph does not prohibit a
17 [LEGISLATOR OR] legislative employee from accepting money from an event held
18 in a place other than the capital city **or a location in which the legislature is**
19 **convened in special session if the location is other than the capital city** during the
20 90 days immediately preceding an election **for public office in which the legislative**
21 **employee is a candidate** [; OR

22 (3) IN A CAMPAIGN FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE, EXPEND
23 MONEY THAT WAS RAISED ON A DAY WHEN EITHER HOUSE OF THE
24 LEGISLATURE WAS IN A LEGISLATIVE SESSION BY OR ON BEHALF OF A
25 LEGISLATOR UNDER A DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY OR A GENERAL
26 LETTER OF INTENT TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE;
27 HOWEVER, THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO MONEY RAISED IN A
28 PLACE OTHER THAN THE CAPITAL CITY DURING THE 90 DAYS
29 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING AN ELECTION].

30 * **Sec. 3.** AS 24.60.031 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

31 (c) A legislator may not

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

3 (A) for the legislator's own campaign for public office, unless
4 the solicitation, acceptance, promise, or pledge occurs in a place other than the
5 capital city or a location in which the legislature is convened in special session
6 if the location is other than the capital city during the 90 days immediately
7 preceding the election in which the legislator is a candidate;

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

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

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

18 (3) in a campaign for municipal, state, or federal office, expend money
19 that was raised on a day when either house of the legislature was in a legislative
20 session by or on behalf of a legislator under a declaration of candidacy or a general
21 letter of intent to become a candidate for public office; however, this paragraph does
22 not apply to money raised in a place other than the capital city or a location in which
23 the legislature is convened in special session if the location is other than the capital
24 city during the 90 days immediately preceding an election in which the legislator is a
25 candidate.

26 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).