

AMENDMENT No. 1

OFFERED IN THE SENATE  
TO: CSHB 333(STA)

By Senator Dyson,  
Senator Wielechowski.

1 Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

2 Insert "relating to candidate forums and contributions in state election  
3 campaigns;"

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5 Page 4, following line 2:

6 Insert new bill sections to read:

7 \*\* Sec. 2. AS 15.13.150 is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 15.13.150. Election educational activities not prohibited.** This chapter  
9 does not prohibit a person from engaging in educational election-related  
10 communications and activities, including

11 (1) the publication of the date and location of an election;

12 (2) the education of students about voting and elections;

13 (3) the sponsorship of [OPEN] candidate debate forums open to the  
14 public;

15 (4) participation in get-out-the-vote or voter registration drives that do  
16 not favor a particular candidate, political party, or political position;

17 (5) the dissemination of the views of all candidates running for a  
18 particular office.

19 \* Sec. 3. AS 15.13.400(4) is amended to read:

20 (4) "contribution"

21 (A) means a purchase, payment, promise or obligation to pay,  
22 loan or loan guarantee, deposit or gift of money, goods, or services for which  
23 charge is ordinarily made, and includes the payment by a person other than a

1 candidate or political party, or compensation for the personal services of  
2 another person, that is rendered to the candidate or political party, and that is  
3 made for the purpose of

4 (i) influencing the nomination or election of a  
5 candidate;

6 (ii) influencing a ballot proposition or question; or

7 (iii) supporting or opposing an initiative proposal  
8 application filed with the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.020;

9 (B) does not include

10 (i) services provided without compensation by  
11 individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a  
12 political party, candidate, or ballot proposition or question;

13 (ii) ordinary hospitality in a home;

14 (iii) two or fewer mass mailings before each election by  
15 each political party describing the party's slate of candidates for  
16 election, which may include photographs, biographies, and information  
17 about the party's candidates;

18 (iv) the results of a poll limited to issues and not  
19 mentioning any candidate, unless the poll was requested by or designed  
20 primarily to benefit the candidate;

21 (v) any communication in the form of a newsletter from  
22 a legislator to the legislator's constituents, except a communication  
23 expressly advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or a  
24 newsletter or material in a newsletter that is clearly only for the private  
25 benefit of a legislator or a legislative employee; [OR]

26 (vi) a fundraising list provided without compensation  
27 by one candidate or political party to a candidate or political party; or

28 (vii) an opportunity to participate in a candidate  
29 forum provided to a candidate without compensation to the  
30 candidate by another person and for which a candidate is not  
31 ordinarily charged;"

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2 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.