

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 311(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/10/12**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the filing of information with the Alaska Public Offices Commission;**  
2 **and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 15.13.040 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (r) Notwithstanding the requirement in (a) of this section that a candidate shall  
6 make a full report upon a form prescribed by the commission, the commission shall  
7 accept information submitted electronically by a candidate if the information is

8 (1) entered onto a version of a form accessed on the Internet website of  
9 the commission; or

10 (2) in the form of an electronic spreadsheet or data file that contains  
11 field names and data types that conform to a standard defined by the commission.

12 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 15.13.110(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) All reports required by this chapter shall be filed with the commission's  
14 central office and shall be kept open to public inspection. **The commission shall keep**

1 **a report filed on paper under AS 15.13.040(m) open to public inspection by**  
 2 **scanning the report and posting a copy of the scanned image on the commission's**  
 3 **Internet website within two working days after the report is filed. The** [WITHIN  
 4 30 DAYS AFTER EACH ELECTION, THE] commission shall prepare a summary of  
 5 each report, which shall be made available to the public at cost upon request. Each  
 6 summary **must** [SHALL] use uniform categories of reporting. **Summaries for reports**  
 7 **filed**

8 **(1) electronically shall be made available within 30 days after the**  
 9 **report is filed; and**

10 **(2) on paper shall be made available within 30 days after each**  
 11 **election.**

12 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 15.13.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 (i) During a campaign period, the commission may not change the manner or  
 14 format in which reports required of a candidate under this chapter must be filed. In this  
 15 subsection, "campaign period" means the period beginning on the date that a candidate  
 16 becomes eligible to receive campaign contributions under this chapter and ending on  
 17 the date that a final report for that same campaign must be filed.

18 \* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
 19 read:

20 TEMPORARY EXCEPTION TO ELECTRONIC FILING REQUIREMENT.  
 21 Notwithstanding AS 15.13.040(m), until February 16, 2013, the commission may request that  
 22 a candidate submit information required under AS 15.13 electronically but shall accept any  
 23 information required of a candidate under AS 15.13 that is typed in clear and legible black  
 24 typeface or hand-printed in dark ink on paper in a format approved by the commission or on  
 25 forms provided by the commission.

26 \* **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
 27 read:

28 TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 15.13 and the rules of the Alaska Public Offices  
 29 Commission, a candidate who has submitted information electronically in a format allowed  
 30 under AS 15.13.040(r), enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, or on paper in a format approved by the  
 31 commission, is not subject to a civil penalty under AS 15.13.390 for failure properly to file a

1 report under AS 15.13.040 if the information was filed after December 1, 2011, and before the  
2 effective date of sec. 1 of this Act.

3 \* **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
4 read:

5 **RETROACTIVITY.** Sections 1 and 4 of this Act are retroactive to December 1, 2011.

6 \* **Sec. 7.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).