

HOUSE BILL NO. 234

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to political contributions; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 15.13.070(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) **Except as provided in (h) of this section, an** [AN] individual may
5 contribute not more than

6 (1) **\$1,000** [\$500] per year to a nongroup entity for the purpose of
7 influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, to a candidate, to an individual
8 who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate, or to a group that is not a political
9 party;

10 (2) \$5,000 per year to a political party.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.13.070(c) is amended to read:

12 (c) **Except as provided in (h) of this section, a** [A] group that is not a
13 political party may contribute not more than **\$2,000** [\$1,000] per year

14 (1) to a candidate, or to an individual who conducts a write-in
15 campaign as a candidate;

(2) to another group, to a nongroup entity, or to a political party.

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

(f) **Except as provided in (h) of this section, a** [A] nongroup entity may contribute not more than **\$2,000** [\$1,000] a year to another nongroup entity for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, to a candidate, to an individual who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate, to a group, or to a political party.

* **Sec. 4.** AS 15.13.070(g) is amended to read:

(g) Where contributions are made to a joint campaign for governor and lieutenant governor,

(1) an individual may contribute not more than **\$2,000** [\$1,000] per year; and

(2) a group may contribute not more than **\$4,000** [\$2,000] per year.

* **Sec. 5.** AS 15.13.070 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(h) The contribution limits provided under (b)(1), (c)(2), and (f) of this section do not apply to an individual, group, or nongroup entity contributing to a group or nongroup entity that makes only independent expenditures.

(i) Beginning in the first quarter of calendar year 2023 and every 10 years thereafter, the commission shall, by regulation, adjust the contribution limitations set out in this section by a percentage equal to the percentage of increase over the preceding 10-year period in all items of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for Anchorage, Alaska, rounded to the nearest \$50 increment.

* **Sec. 6.** AS 15.13.072(a)(2), 15.13.072(e), 15.13.072(f), and 15.13.072(h) are repealed.

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