

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 97

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act to relieve radio and television

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broadcasters from liability for defamatory

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statements made by candidates for public

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office."

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

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Section 1. The owner, licensee or operator of a visual or

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sound broadcasting station or network of stations, or the agents

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or employees of any such owner, licensee or operator of such a

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station or network of stations shall not be liable for any

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damages for any defamatory statement uttered over the facilities

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of such station or network by a candidate for public office, but

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this section shall not apply in the event such owner, licensee,

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operator, agent, or employee shall wilfully, knowingly, and with

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intent to defame, participate in such broadcast.

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