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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 343

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to campaign financing; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 15 is amended by adding a new chapter to
10 read:

11 CHAPTER 52. CAMPAIGN FINANCING

12 ARTICLE 1. LIMITATIONS

13 Sec. 15.52.010. EXPENDITURES BY A CANDIDATE. No
14 candidate for an elective office in this state shall spend
15 for campaign purposes from his personal funds more than the
16 office provides as compensation during the term of the
17 office.

18 Sec. 15.52.020. EXPENDITURES BY A COMMITTEE. (a) No
19 committee may spend more than \$10,000 in support of a candi-
20 date for an elective office in this state during a party
21 primary nomination campaign.

22 (b) No committee may spend more than \$10,000 in support
23 of a candidate for an elective office in this state during a
24 general election campaign.

25 (c) No corporation may, directly or indirectly, make
26 any political contribution or expenditure for a candidate
27 for an elective office.

28 Sec. 15.52.030. LEGAL PERIOD FOR MAKING EXPENDITURES.

29 (a) Except as provided in (c) of this section, no committee

1 or candidate for office may make, or incur any obligation
2 to make, any campaign expenditure for the purpose of influenc-
3 ing voters to nominate a candidate for an elective office
4 until a period commencing 30 days before the party primary
5 nomination.

6 (b) Except as provided in (c) of this section, after
7 the party primary nomination no committee or candidate for
8 office may make, or incur any obligation to make, any
9 campaign expenditure for the purpose of influencing voters
10 to elect a candidate to an elective office until a period
11 commencing 30 days before the election.

12 (c) Campaign materials and services may be contracted
13 for and the materials delivered before the 30-day period
14 prescribed in (a) and (b) of this section, but the materials
15 may not be used nor the services performed until the 30-day
16 period commences. Travel and subsistence expenditures for
17 the candidate himself may be made at any time.

18 (d) Nothing in this section is intended to prevent
19 solicitation of political contributions or fund-raising
20 activities.

21 ARTICLE 2. DISCLOSURES

22 Sec. 15.52.080. DISCLOSURE BY CANDIDATES. (a) At
23 the time of filing, each candidate shall submit to the
24 secretary of state a report listing the source and amount of
25 each contribution received by him as of that time for use
26 in his campaign.

27 (b) Three days after a party primary nomination, each
28 candidate shall file with the secretary of state a report
29 listing the source and the amount of each contribution

1 received by him for use in his primary campaign, and a de-
2 tailed statement of all expenditures made.

3 (c) Within five days after an election, each candidate
4 shall file with the secretary of state a final report listing
5 the source and the amount of each contribution received by
6 him for use in his entire campaign, and a detailed statement
7 of all expenditures made.

8 Sec. 15.52.090. DISCLOSURE BY COMMITTEES. (a) Each
9 committee shall file with the secretary of state on the last
10 day of filing for public office, on the third day after the
11 party primary nomination, and within five days after the
12 election, a report listing the source and amount of each
13 contribution received by it for use in political campaign-
14 ing. The reports shall indicate for whose candidacy, if
15 any, the money was contributed and shall cover the periods
16 prescribed for reports of candidates in sec. 80 of this
17 chapter.

18 (b) In addition to the information specified in (a) of
19 this section, the final report shall contain a detailed
20 statement of all expenditures made by the committee and
21 shall indicate for whose candidacy the funds were spent in
22 support of.

23 Sec. 15.52.100. DISCLOSURE BY CONTRIBUTORS. (a) A
24 person who has contributed a total of more than \$200 for use
25 in a party primary campaign shall file with the secretary of
26 state a verified statement within five days after the party
27 primary nomination declaring to whom the contributions were
28 made and the conditions attached to the contributions, if
29 any.

1 (b) A person who has contributed a total of more than
2 \$200 for use in an election shall file with the secretary
3 of state a verified statement within five days after the
4 election declaring to whom the contributions were made and
5 the conditions attached to the contributions, if any.

6 Sec. 15.52.110. RETENTION OF REPORTS. All reports
7 required to be submitted under this chapter shall be kept on
8 file by the secretary of state for four years and shall be
9 open to public inspection.

10 ARTICLE 3. PENALTIES

11 Sec. 15.52.150. GENERAL PENALTY. A person who knowingly
12 violates a provision of this chapter is guilty of a misde-
13 meanor.

14 Sec. 15.52.160. ADDITIONAL PENALTIES. In addition to
15 the penalty prescribed in sec. 150 of this chapter, any
16 candidate in an election or party primary nomination who is
17 found to have knowingly violated a provision of this chapter
18 shall be ineligible to seek or hold any political office,
19 elective or appointive, for a period equal to the term of
20 the office to which he was seeking election at the time of
21 the violation. If a violation is not discovered until after
22 a candidate has assumed office, the candidate shall also
23 forfeit the office.

24 ARTICLE 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

25 Sec. 15.52.200. METHOD OF DETERMINING SUCCESSOR. (a)
26 If within 30 days after a party primary nomination a success-
27 ful candidate for the nomination is convicted of violating
28 a provision of this chapter, the person of the same party
29 affiliation who received the next highest number of votes

1 shall represent that party in the general election.

2 (b) If a person is removed from office under the
3 provisions of sec. 160 of this chapter, the governor shall
4 fill the unexpired term with an appointee having the same
5 political party affiliation as that of the person removed.

6 Sec. 15.52.210. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

7 (1) 'committee' means any combination of two or
8 more persons acting jointly, including a state or local
9 executive body of a political party, and any other organiza-
10 tion or group organized, in whole or in part, for the purpose
11 of furthering political candidacies;

12 (2) 'contribution' means the donation of money or
13 other thing of value, including rendering services or provid-
14 ing campaign materials for less than their reasonable value;
15 however "contribution" does not mean the rendering of
16 volunteer political services for which most people do not
17 customarily charge, such as the service provided by volunteer
18 precinct workers for a political party.

19 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage
20 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

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