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1 IN THE HOUSE

2  HOUSE BILL NO. 257

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

9 * Section 1. AS 15.35 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 Sec. 15.35.022. LIMITS ON CERTAIN ADVERTISING EXPENDITURES BY
11 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES. (a) The maximum total amount which may be
12 spent by, or on behalf of, a candidate for the state legislature,
13 including expenditures by other persons in support of a candidate, for
14 advertising on television, radio, and in newspapers during an election
15 campaign is as follows:

16 (1) a state house of representatives candidate - \$3,000;

17 (2) a state senate candidate - \$6,000.

18 (b) Each representative- and senator-elect shall file with the
19 lieutenant governor an affidavit stating that his election campaign
20 expenditures, including expenditures on his behalf and in support of
21 his candidacy, for advertising on television, radio, and in newspapers
22 have not exceed the maximum amount specified in (a) of this section.
23 The affidavit shall be filed before the day he takes office. A person
24 who wilfully makes a false affidavit under this subsection is subject
25 to the provisions of AS 15.55.170.

26 (c) No candidate may accept or receive from any one person or
27 permit to be spent by a person on the candidate's behalf, and no person
28 may contribute or spend on the candidate's behalf, an amount greater
29 than \$500.

1 (d) For purposes of this section, a commercial advertisement
2 which, even in part, contains political content advocating or support-
3 ing the election of, or is on behalf of, a candidate during an election
4 campaign is considered a political advertisement. The total cost of
5 the advertisement shall be used in determining the maximum expenditure
6 which may not be exceeded under (a) of this section.

7 (e) No expenditure specified in (a) of this section may be made
8 or accepted by the media without the written consent of the candidate
9 or a person he may designate for that purpose.

10 (f) If a member's advertising expenditures exceed, by more than
11 a reasonable amount, the maximum amount set out in (a) of this section,
12 the appropriate house may expel the offending member under the provi-
13 sions of art. II, sec. 12, of the state constitution.

14 (g) Each representative- and senator-elect shall file with the
15 lieutenant governor an affidavit stating that his election campaign
16 material has not been, in any part, prepared by state employees in the
17 classified service while working on state time or on state-owned equip-
18 ment. This does not include materials produced for public consumption
19 by an agency of the state.

20 (h) In (a) of this section, "election campaign" means primary,
21 general, or special election campaign.

22 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1973.
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