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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 415

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state elections."

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

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

9 CHAPTER 56. STATE ELECTION CAMPAIGN RESTRICTIONS.

10 ARTICLE 1. STATE ELECTION COMMISSION.

11 Sec. 15.56.010. STATE ELECTION COMMISSION. (a) There is created  
12 the state Election Commission, composed of six members appointed by  
13 the governor, not more than three of whom shall be members of the same  
14 political party, who shall be chosen from among persons who, by reason  
15 of maturity, experience, and public service have attained a statewide  
16 reputation for integrity, impartiality, and good judgment, are qualified  
17 to carry out the functions of the commission. One of the original  
18 members shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two  
19 years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years,  
20 one for a term of five years, and one for a term of six years, beginning  
21 from the effective date of this chapter, but their successors shall be  
22 appointed for terms of six years each, except that any individual chosen  
23 to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for the unexpired term of  
24 the member whom he shall succeed. The governor shall designate one  
25 member to serve as chairman of the commission and one member to serve  
26 as vice-chairman. The vice-chairman shall act as chairman in the absence  
27 or disability of the chairman or in the event of a vacancy in that  
28 office.

29 (b) A vacancy in the commission shall not impair the right of

1 the remaining members to exercise all the powers of the commission and  
2 four members constitute a quorum.

3 (c) The commission shall have an official seal which shall be  
4 judicially noticed.

5 (d) The commission shall at the close of each calendar year report  
6 to the legislature and to the governor concerning the action it has  
7 taken; the names, salaries, and duties of all individuals in its employ  
8 and the money it has disbursed; and shall make further reports on the  
9 matters within its jurisdiction and recommendations for further legis-  
10 lation that may appear desirable.

11 Sec. 15.56.020. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. The commission shall appoint  
12 an executive director who is responsible for the administrative opera-  
13 tions of the commission and performs other duties that may be delegated  
14 or assigned to him from time to time by regulations or orders of the  
15 commission. However, the commission shall not delegate the making of  
16 regulations regarding elections to the executive director.

17 Sec. 15.56.030. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The commission  
18 shall

19 (1) develop and furnish to the person required by the provi-  
20 sions of this chapter prescribed forms for the making of the reports  
21 and statements required to be filed with it under this title;

22 (2) prepare, publish, and furnish to the person required to  
23 file these reports and statements a manual setting out recommended  
24 uniform methods of bookkeeping and reporting;

25 (3) make the reports and statements filed with it available  
26 for public inspection and copying, commencing as soon as practicable  
27 but not later than the end of the second day following the day during  
28 which it was received, and to permit copying of any report or statement  
29 by hand or by duplicating machine, as requested by any person, at the

1 expense of the person; however, any information copied from these  
2 reports and statements may not be sold or utilized by any person for  
3 the purpose of soliciting contributions or for any commercial purpose;

4 (4) preserve the reports and statements for a period of five  
5 years from date of receipt;

6 (5) compile and maintain a current list of all statements  
7 or parts of statements pertaining to each candidate;

8 (6) prepare and publish an annual report including compila-  
9 tions of

10 (A) total reported contributions and expenditures for  
11 all candidates, political committees, and other persons during  
12 the year;

13 (B) total amounts expended according to categories  
14 that it determines and broken down into candidate, party, and non-  
15 party expenditures;

16 (C) total amounts expended for influencing nominations  
17 and elections stated separately;

18 (D) total amounts contributed according to categories  
19 of amounts as it determines and broken down into contributions on  
20 state and local levels for candidates and political committees;  
21 and

22 (E) aggregate amounts contributed by any contributor  
23 shown to have contributed in excess of \$50;

24 (7) prepare and publish from time to time special reports  
25 comparing the various totals and categories of contributions and expen-  
26 ditures made with respect to preceding elections;

27 (8) prepare and publish any other reports it may consider  
28 appropriate;

29 (9) assure wide dissemination of statistics, summaries, and

1 reports prepared under this chapter;

2 (10) make audits and field investigations with respect to  
3 reports and statements filed under the provisions of this chapter and  
4 with respect to alleged failures to file a report or statement required  
5 under the provisions of this chapter;

6 (11) report apparent violations of law to the appropriate  
7 law enforcement authorities; and

8 (12) prescribe suitable rules and regulations to carry out  
9 the provisions of this chapter.

10 (b) A person who believes a violation of this chapter has occurred  
11 may file a complaint with the commission. If the commission determines  
12 there is substantial reason to believe that a violation has occurred,  
13 it shall expeditiously make an investigation, which shall also include  
14 an investigation of reports and statements filed by the complainant if  
15 he is a candidate, of the matter complained of. When, in the judgment  
16 of the commission, after affording due notice and an opportunity for  
17 a hearing, a person has engaged or is about to engage in any acts or  
18 practices which constitute or will constitute a violation of a provision  
19 of this chapter, or a regulation or order issued under it, it shall  
20 report the information to the attorney general for appropriate action.

21 Sec. 15.56.040. COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS. Members of the commis-  
22 sion receive no salary but are entitled, while serving on the business  
23 of the commission, to receive per diem and travel expenses authorized  
24 by law for boards and commissions.

25 Sec. 15.56.050. EMPLOYEES. The chairman of the commission shall  
26 appoint and fix the compensation of those personnel he considers neces-  
27 sary to fulfill the duties of the commission and may obtain the services  
28 of experts and consultants.

29 ARTICLE 2. CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS.

1           Sec. 15.56.060. CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE LIMITS. (a) No legally  
2 qualified candidate in any primary, runoff, general, or special election  
3 for a state elective office may spend for the use of broadcasting  
4 stations and nonbroadcast media on behalf of his candidacy in that elec-  
5 tion a total amount in excess of the following schedule:

- 6           (1) by a candidate for governor ..... \$50,000  
7           (2) by a candidate for lieutenant governor ..... 25,000  
8           (3) by a candidate for the state senate ..... 5,000  
9           (4) by a candidate for the state house of  
10 representatives ..... 2,500

11           (b) The amounts spent for the use of broadcasting stations and  
12 nonbroadcast media on behalf of any legally qualified candidate for  
13 state office shall, for purposes of this section, be considered to have  
14 been spent by the candidate.

15           (c) Use of broadcasting stations or nonbroadcast media by or on  
16 behalf of a candidate includes not only amounts spent for advocating  
17 the candidate's election, but also amounts spent for urging the defeat  
18 of his opponent or derogating his opponent's stand on campaign issues.

19           Sec. 15.56.070. CHARGES FOR THE USE OF NONBROADCAST COMMUNICATIONS  
20 MEDIUM. (a) During the 45 days preceding the date of any primary elec-  
21 tion and during the 60 days preceding the date of a general or special  
22 election, the charges made for the use of a nonbroadcast communications  
23 medium in the state by an individual who is a legally qualified candi-  
24 date for state elective office may not exceed the lowest unit rate  
25 charged others by the person furnishing the medium for the same amount  
26 and class of space.

27           (b) No person may make a charge for the use of a nonbroadcast  
28 communications medium by or on behalf of a candidate for state elective  
29 office (or for nomination to that office) unless the candidate, or an

1 individual specifically authorized by the candidate in writing to do  
2 so, certifies to that person that the payment of the charge will not  
3 violate sec. 40 of this chapter. A person who furnishes the use of a  
4 nonbroadcast communications medium to or for the benefit of a candidate  
5 without charge shall be considered to have made a contribution to the  
6 candidate in an amount equal to the amount normally charged by that  
7 person for that use. A person who furnishes the use of a nonbroadcast  
8 communications medium to or for the benefit of a candidate at a rate  
9 which is less than the rate normally charged by that person for that  
10 use shall be considered to have made a contribution to that candidate  
11 in an amount equal to the excess of the rate normally charged over the  
12 rate charged the candidate.

13 Sec. 15.56.080. ALLOCATION OF EXPENDITURES. A legally qualified  
14 candidate for state elective office in a primary, runoff, general or  
15 special election may allocate expenditures between use of broadcasting  
16 stations and use of nonbroadcast media in any proportion he considers  
17 appropriate, so long as the total expended for both does not exceed the  
18 limits set in sec. 60 of this chapter.

19 Sec. 15.56.090. LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES FROM PERSONAL FUNDS.

20 (a) No candidate may make expenditures from his personal funds, or the  
21 personal funds of his immediate family, in connection with his campaign  
22 for nomination for election, or election, to state elective office in  
23 excess of the following schedule:

- 24 (1) by a candidate for governor ..... \$25,000  
25 (2) by a candidate for lieutenant governor ..... 12,500  
26 (3) by a candidate for the state senate ..... 2,500  
27 (4) by a candidate for the state house of  
28 representatives ..... 1,250

29 (b) No candidate or political committee may knowingly accept a

1 contribution or authorize an expenditure in violation of the provisions  
2 of this section.

3 (c) In this section "immediate family" means a candidate's spouse  
4 and any child, parent, grandparent, brother, or sister of the candidate,  
5 and the spouses of those persons.

6 Sec. 15.56.100. PROMISES OF EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER BENEFIT FOR  
7 POLITICAL ACTIVITY. A person who, directly or indirectly, promises any  
8 employment, position, compensation, contract, appointment, or other  
9 benefit, provided for or made possible in whole or in part by an Act  
10 of the legislature or any special consideration in obtaining any such  
11 benefit, to any person as consideration, favor, or reward for a political  
12 activity or for the support of or opposition to a candidate or a politi-  
13 cal party in connection with a general or special election to a political  
14 office, or in connection with a primary election or political convention  
15 or caucus held to select candidates for a political office, is guilty  
16 of a misdemeanor.

17 Sec. 15.56.110. CONTRIBUTIONS BY GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS. A person  
18 entering into a contract with the state or a department or agency of  
19 it either for the rendition of personal services or furnishing any  
20 material, supplies, or equipment to the state or a department or agency  
21 of it or for selling any land or building to the state or a department  
22 or agency of it, if payment for the performance of the contract or  
23 payment for the material, supplies, equipment, land, or building is to  
24 be made in whole or in part from funds appropriated by the legislature,  
25 at any time between the commencement of negotiations for and the later  
26 of (1) the completion of performance under, or (2) the termination of  
27 negotiations for, the contract or furnishing of material, supplies,  
28 equipment, land or buildings, who, directly or indirectly, makes a  
29 contribution of money or other thing of value, or promises expressly

1 or impliedly to make a contribution, to a political party, committee,  
2 or candidate for public office or to any person for any political  
3 purpose or use, or who knowingly solicits a contribution from any such  
4 person for that purpose during that period, is guilty of a misdemeanor  
5 and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

6 ARTICLE 3. DISCLOSURE.

7 Sec. 15.56.120. POLITICAL COMMITTEES. (a) Every political com-  
8 mittee shall have a chairman and a treasurer. No contribution and no  
9 expenditure may be accepted or made by or on behalf of a political  
10 committee at a time when there is a vacancy in the office of chairman  
11 or treasurer of the committee. No expenditure may be made for or on  
12 behalf of a political committee without the authorization of its  
13 chairman or treasurer, or their designated agents.

14 (b) Every person who receives a contribution in excess of \$10  
15 for a political committee shall, on demand of the treasurer, and in any  
16 event within five days after receipt of the contribution, give the  
17 treasurer a detailed account of the contribution, including the amount,  
18 the name and address (occupation and the principal place of business,  
19 if any) of the person making the contribution, and the date on which  
20 received. All funds of a political committee shall be segregated from,  
21 and may not be commingled with, personal funds of officers, members,  
22 or associates of the committee.

23 (c) The treasurer of a political committee shall keep a detailed  
24 and exact account of

- 25 (1) all contributions made to or for the committee;  
26 (2) the full name and mailing address (occupation and the  
27 principal place of business, if any) of every person making a contri-  
28 bution in excess of \$10, and the date and amount of it;  
29 (3) all expenditures made by or on behalf of the committee;

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2 (4) the full name and mailing address (occupation and the  
3 principal place of business, if any) of every person to whom an expendi-  
4 ture is made, the date and amount of it, and the name and address of,  
5 and office sought by, each candidate on whose behalf the expenditure  
6 was made.

7 (d) The treasurer shall obtain and keep a receipted bill, stating  
8 the particulars, for every expenditure made by or on behalf of a  
9 political committee in excess of \$100 in amount, and for any such  
10 expenditure in a lesser amount, if the aggregate amount of those expen-  
11 ditures to the same person during a calendar year exceeds \$100. The  
12 treasurer shall preserve all receipted bills and accounts required to  
13 be kept by this section for periods of time to be determined by the  
14 commission.

15 (e) A political committee which solicits or receives contributions  
16 or makes expenditures on behalf of a candidate that is not authorized  
17 in writing by the candidate to do so shall include a notice on the  
18 face or front page of all literature and advertisements published in  
19 connection with the candidate's campaign by the committee or on its  
20 behalf stating that the committee is not authorized by the candidate  
21 and that the candidate is not responsible for the activities of the  
22 committee.

23 (f) The commission shall compile, not later than the last day of  
24 March of each year, an annual report for each political committee  
25 which has filed a report with it under this chapter during the period  
26 from March 10 of the preceding calendar year through January 31 of the  
27 year in which the annual report is made. Each annual report shall  
28 contain

29 (1) a copy of the statement of organization of the political

1 committee required under sec. 130 of this chapter, together with any  
2 amendments to it; and

3 (2) a copy of each report filed by a committee under sec.  
4 140 of this chapter from March 10 of the preceding year through Janu-  
5 ary 31 of the year in which the annual report is compiled.

6 Sec. 15.56.130. ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEES. (a) Each  
7 political committee which anticipates receiving contributions or making  
8 expenditures during the calendar year in an aggregate amount exceeding  
9 \$500 shall file with the commission a statement of organization, within  
10 10 days after its organization or, if later, 10 days after the date  
11 on which it has information which causes the committee to anticipate  
12 it will receive contributions or make expenditures in excess of \$500.  
13 Each committee in existence on the effective date of this chapter shall  
14 file a statement of organization with the commission at the time the  
15 commission prescribes.

16 (b) The statement of organization shall include

17 (1) the name and address of the committee;

18 (2) the names, addresses, and relationships of affiliated  
19 or connected organizations;

20 (3) the area, scope, or jurisdiction of the committee;

21 (4) the name, address, and position of the custodian of  
22 books and accounts;

23 (5) the name, address, and position of other principal offi-  
24 cers, including officers and members of the finance committee, if any;

25 (6) the name, address, office sought, and party affiliation  
26 of (A) each candidate whom the committee is supporting, and (B) any  
27 other individual, if any, whom the committee is supporting for nomina-  
28 tion for election, or election, to any public office, or, if the com-  
29 mittee is supporting the entire ticket of any party, the name of the

1 party;

2 (7) a statement whether the committee is a continuing one;

3 (8) the disposition of residual funds which will be made  
4 in the event of dissolution;

5 (9) a listing of all banks, safety deposit boxes, or other  
6 repositories used;

7 (10) any other information that may be required by the com-  
8 mission.

9 (c) A change in information previously submitted in a statement  
10 of organization shall be reported to the commission within a 10-day  
11 period following the change.

12 (d) A committee which, after having filed one or more statements  
13 of organization, disbands or determines it will no longer receive con-  
14 tributions or make expenditures during the calendar year in an aggregate  
15 amount exceeding \$500 shall notify the commission.

16 Sec. 15.56.140. REPORTS BY POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND CANDIDATES.

17 (a) Each treasurer of a political committee supporting a candidate or  
18 candidates for election to state office and each candidate for election  
19 to a state office, shall file with the commission reports of receipts  
20 and expenditures on forms to be prescribed or approved by it. The  
21 reports shall be filed on the 10th day of March, June, and September,  
22 in each year, and on the 15th and 5th days preceding the date on which  
23 an election is held, and also by the 31st day of January. The reports  
24 shall be complete as of the date that the commission may prescribe,  
25 which shall not be less than five days before the date of filing except  
26 that any contribution of \$1,000 or more received after the last report  
27 is filed before the election shall be reported within 48 hours after  
28 its receipt.

29 (b) Each report under this section shall disclose

1 (1) the amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the  
2 reporting period;

3 (2) the full name and mailing address (occupation and the  
4 principal place of business, if any) of each person who has made one  
5 or more contributions to or for the committee or candidate (including  
6 the purchase of tickets for events such as dinners, luncheons, rallies,  
7 and similar fund-raising events) within the calendar year in an aggregate  
8 amount or value of \$50 or more, together with the amount and date  
9 of the contributions;

10 (3) the total sum of individual contributions made to or for  
11 the committee or candidate during the reporting period and not reported  
12 under (2) of this subsection;

13 (4) the name and address of each political committee or candidate  
14 from which the reporting committee or the candidate received,  
15 or to which that committee or candidate made, any transfer of funds,  
16 together with the amounts and dates of all transfers;

17 (5) each loan to or from any person within the calendar year  
18 in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$50, together with the  
19 full names and mailing addresses (occupations and the principal places  
20 of business, if any) of the lender and endorsers, if any, and the  
21 date and amount of the loans;

22 (6) the total amount of proceeds from

23 (A) the sale of tickets to each dinner, luncheon, rally,  
24 and other fund-raising event;

25 (B) mass collections made at such events; and

26 (C) sales of items such as political campaign pins,  
27 buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners, literature, and  
28 similar materials;

29 (7) each contribution, rebate, refund, or other receipt in

1 excess of \$50 not otherwise listed under (2) - (6) of this subsection;

2 (8) the total sum of all receipts by or for the committee  
3 or candidate during the reporting period;

4 (9) the full name and mailing address (occupation and the  
5 principal place of business, if any) of each person to whom an expendi-  
6 ture or expenditures have been made by the committee or on behalf of  
7 the committee or candidate within the calendar year in an aggregate  
8 amount or value in excess of \$50, the amount, date, and purpose of each  
9 expenditure and the name and address of, and office sought by, each  
10 candidate on whose behalf the expenditure was made;

11 (10) the full name and mailing address (occupation and the  
12 principal place of business, if any) of each person to whom an expendi-  
13 ture for personal services, salaries, and reimbursed expenses in excess  
14 of \$50 has been made, and which is not otherwise reported, including  
15 the amount, date, and purpose of the expenditure;

16 (11) the total sum of expenditures made by the committee or  
17 candidate during the calendar year;

18 (12) the amount and nature of debts and obligations owed by  
19 or to the committee, in the form that the commission may prescribe and  
20 a continuous reporting of their debts and obligations after the election  
21 at the periods that the commission may require until the debts and  
22 obligations are extinguished; and

23 (13) any other information that may be required by the commis-  
24 sion.

25 (c) The reports required to be filed by (a) of this section shall  
26 be cumulative during the calendar year to which they relate, but where  
27 there has been no change in an item reported in a previous report  
28 during the year, only the amount need be carried forward. If no con-  
29 tributions or expenditures have been accepted or expended during a

1 calendar year, the treasurer of the political committee or candidate  
2 shall file a statement to that effect.

3 Sec. 15.56.150. REPORTS BY OTHERS THAN POLITICAL COMMITTEES. Any  
4 person (other than a political committee or candidate) who makes contri-  
5 butions or expenditures, other than by contribution to a political  
6 committee or candidate, in an aggregate amount in excess of \$50 within  
7 a calendar year shall file with the commission a statement containing  
8 the information required by sec. 130 of this chapter. Statements  
9 required by this section shall be filed on the dates on which reports  
10 by political committees are filed, but need not be cumulative.

11 Sec. 15.56.160. FORMAL REQUIREMENTS RESPECTING REPORTS AND  
12 STATEMENTS. (a) A report or statement required by this chapter to  
13 be filed by a treasurer of a political committee, a candidate, or by any  
14 other person, shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of the person  
15 filing the report or statement, taken before an officer authorized to  
16 administer oaths.

17 (b) A copy of a report or statement shall be preserved by the  
18 person filing it for a period of time to be designated by the commis-  
19 sion in a published regulation.

20 (c) The commission shall, by published regulations of general  
21 applicability, prescribe the manner in which contributions and expendi-  
22 tures in the nature of debts and other contracts, agreements, and  
23 promises to make contributions or expenditures shall be reported. The  
24 regulations shall provide that they be reported in separate schedules.  
25 In determining aggregate amounts of contributions and expenditures,  
26 amounts reported as provided in the regulations shall not be considered  
27 until actual payment is made.

28 Sec. 15.56.170 REPORTS ON CONVENTION FINANCING. Each committee  
29 or other organization which represents the state, or a political

1 subdivision of it, or any group of persons, in dealing with officials  
2 of a political party with respect to matters involving a convention  
3 held in the state or political subdivision to nominate a candidate for  
4 state elective office, or represents a state political party in making  
5 arrangements for the convention of the party held to nominate a candi-  
6 date for state elective office, shall, within 60 days following the  
7 end of the convention, file with the commission a full and complete  
8 financial statement, in the form and detail that it may prescribe, of  
9 the sources from which it derived its funds, and the purposes for which  
10 the funds were expended.

11 Sec. 15.56.180. PROHIBITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN NAME OF ANOTHER.  
12 No person shall make a contribution in the name of another person, and  
13 no person shall knowingly accept a contribution made by one person in  
14 the name of another person.

15 Sec. 15.56.190. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS. A person who violates  
16 a provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon con-  
17 viction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

18 Sec. 15.56.200. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

19 (1) "broadcasting station" means a station equipped to  
20 engage in the transmission by radio of writing, signs, signals, pictures,  
21 and sounds of all kinds intended to be received by the public, directly  
22 or by the intermediary of relay stations, and includes a community  
23 antenna or cable television system;

24 (2) "candidate" means an individual who seeks nomination  
25 for election, or election, to state office, whether or not the individ-  
26 ual is elected, and, for purposes of this chapter, an individual is  
27 considered to seek nomination for election, or election, to state office  
28 if he has taken the action necessary under the law of the state to  
29 qualify himself for nomination for election, or election, or received

1 contributions or made expenditures, or has given his consent for any  
2 other person to receive contributions or make expenditures, with a  
3 view to bringing about his nomination for election, or election, to  
4 the office;

5 (3) "commission" means the state Election Commission;

6 (4) "contribution" means (A) a gift, subscription, loan,  
7 advance, or deposit of money or anything of value (except a loan of  
8 money by a national or state bank made in accordance with the appli-  
9 cable banking laws and regulations and in the ordinary course of busi-  
10 ness), made for the purpose of influencing the nomination for election,  
11 or election, of any person to state office, for the purpose of influ-  
12 encing the results of a primary held for the selection of delegates to  
13 a state nominating convention of a political party or for the purpose  
14 of influencing the election of delegates to a constitutional convention  
15 for proposing amendments to the state constitution; (B) a contract,  
16 promise, or agreement, express or implied, whether or not legally  
17 enforceable, to make a contribution for that purpose; (C) a transfer  
18 of funds between political committees; (D) the payment, by any person  
19 other than a candidate or political committee, of compensation for  
20 the personal services of another person which are rendered to the  
21 candidate or political committee without charge for that purpose;  
22 except that "contribution" does not include services provided without  
23 compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of their  
24 time on behalf of a candidate or political committee;

25 (5) "election" means

26 (A) a general, special, primary, or runoff election;

27 (B) a convention or caucus of a political party held  
28 to nominate a candidate;

29 (C) a primary election held for the selection of

1 delegates to a state nominating convention of a political party;  
2 and

3 (D) the election of delegates to a constitutional  
4 convention for proposing amendments to the state constitution;

5 (6) "expenditure" means

6 (A) a purchase, payment, distribution, loan advance,  
7 deposit, or gift of money or anything of value (except a loan of  
8 money by a national or state bank made in accordance with the  
9 applicable banking laws and regulations in the ordinary course  
10 of business), made for the purpose of influencing the nomination  
11 for election, or election, of any person to state office, for the  
12 purpose of influencing the result of a primary held for the selec-  
13 tion of delegates to a state nominating convention of a political  
14 party, or for the purpose of influencing the election of delegates  
15 to a constitutional convention for proposing amendments to the  
16 state constitution;

17 (B) a contract, promise, or agreement, express or  
18 implied, whether or not legally enforceable, to make any expendi-  
19 ture; and

20 (C) a transfer of funds between political committees;

21 (7) "legally qualified candidate" means any person who meets  
22 the qualifications prescribed by the applicable laws to hold the state  
23 elective office for which he is a candidate and is eligible under  
24 applicable state law to be voted for by the electorate;

25 (8) "nonbroadcast communications medium" means newspapers,  
26 magazines, and other periodical publications, and billboard facilities;

27 (9) "political committee" means any individual committee,  
28 association, or organization which accepts contributions or makes  
29 expenditures during a calendar year in an aggregate amount exceeding

1 \$500;

2 (10) "state elective office" means the office of the governor,  
3 lieutenant governor, senator or representative in the state legislature.  
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