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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 660

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the election campaign disclosure
7 law; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 15.13.020(j) is amended to read:

10 (j) The Commission shall establish an office, which may be called
11 a regional office, in each senate district in the state to keep on file
12 for public inspection copies of all reports filed with the commission
13 by candidates for statewide office and by candidates for legislative
14 office in that district; however, where one municipality contains more
15 than one election district, only one commission office shall be estab-
16 lished in that municipality. The regional office shall make all forms
17 and pertinent material available to candidates. All reports shall be
18 filed by candidates, groups and individuals directly with the commis-
19 sion's [CENTRAL] district or regional office. The commission shall in-
20 sure that copies of all reports by statewide [AND LEGISLATIVE] candidates
21 [IN EACH SENATE DISTRICT] are forwarded promptly to that district or
22 regional office.

23 * Sec. 2. AS 15.13.040(d)(1) is amended to read:

24 (1) any contribution of cash, goods or services valued at
25 more than \$250 [\$100] a year to any group or candidate; or

26 * Sec. 3. AS 15.13.040(f) is amended to read:

27 (f) During each year in which an election occurs, all businesses,
28 persons, or groups which furnish any of the following services, facili-
29 ties, or supplies to a candidate or group shall maintain a record of

1 each transaction: newspapers, radio, television, advertising, advertis-
2 ing agency services, accounting, billboards, printing, secretarial,
3 public opinion polls, or research and professional campaign consultation
4 or management, media production or preparation, or computer services.
5 The records shall be maintained on the forms provided and in the manner
6 required by the commission. The supplier shall file a report of the
7 complete record of each transaction with all candidates or groups to
8 whom he provides services, facilities or supplies in excess of \$250
9 for each candidate or group in the aggregate in accordance with sec. 110
10 of this chapter. All records shall be available for public inspection.

11 * Sec. 4. AS 15.13.045(d) is amended to read:

12 (d) Insofar as not in conflict with (a) and (b) of this section,
13 subpoenas [SUBPOENAS] may be issued and shall be served in the manner
14 prescribed by AS 44.62.430 and court rule. The failure, refusal or
15 neglect to obey a subpoena is punishable as contempt in the manner pre-
16 scribed by law or court rule. The superior court may compel obedience
17 to the commission's subpoena in the same manner as prescribed for
18 obedience to a subpoena issued by the court.

19 * Sec. 5. AS 15.13.070(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) No person or group, including but not limited to all political
21 committees, businesses, corporations, and labor unions, may contribute
22 [TO OR EXPEND] more than \$1,000 a year on behalf of or in opposition to
23 the competing candidates for each elective office. Political parties
24 and their subdivisions are not subject to the limitation prescribed in
25 this subsection, but they are subject to the reporting requirements
26 prescribed by secs. 40(b) and 110 of this chapter. Nothing in this chap-
27 ter prohibits

28 (1) a candidate from contributing more than \$1,000 of his own
29 money to his own campaign; or

1 (2) individuals or groups, including but not limited to all
2 political committees, businesses, corporations, and labor unions, from
3 contributing to or expending on behalf of a ballot proposition or ques-
4 tion more than \$1,000 a year; however, these contributions and expendi-
5 tures shall be reported in accordance with secs. 40 and 110 of this
6 chapter.

7 * Sec. 6. AS 15.13.070(f) and (g) and 15.13.080 are repealed.

8 * Sec. 7. AS 15.13.100 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 15.13.100. EXPENDITURES BEFORE FILING. No political campaign
10 expenditure may be made or incurred by a person in an election or by a
11 person or group with his knowledge and on his behalf before the date upon
12 which he or she files for nomination for the office which the person
13 seeks, except for personal travel expenses or for opinion surveys or
14 polls. These expenditures [SHALL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE SPENDING LIM-
15 TATION THAT APPLIES TO THE OFFICE FOR WHICH HE SUBSEQUENTLY FILES, AND]
16 shall be included in the first report required under this chapter after
17 filing for office.

18 * Sec. 8. AS 15.13.120(a)(2) is amended to read:

19 (2) making a campaign contribution [OR EXPENDITURE] which ex-
20 ceeds the limitations of sec. 70(a) [(f)] of this chapter;

21 * Sec. 9. AS 15.13.130(3) is amended to read:

22 (3) "group" means every state and regional executive commit-
23 tee of a political party and, in addition, means any combination of
24 two or more persons or individuals acting jointly who take action the
25 major purpose of which is to influence the outcome of an election; a
26 group that makes expenditures or receives contributions with the
27 authorization or consent, express or implied, or under the control,
28 direct or indirect, of a candidate shall be considered to be controlled
29 by that candidate; a group whose major purpose is to further the

1 nomination, election, or candidacy of only one person, or intends to
2 expend more than 50 per cent of its money on a single candidate, shall
3 be considered to be controlled by that candidate and its actions done
4 with his knowledge and consent unless, within 10 days from the date the
5 candidate learns of the existence of the group he files with the commis-
6 sion, on a form provided by the commission, an affidavit that the group
7 is operating without his control; a group organized for more than one
8 year preceding an election and endorsing candidates for more than one
9 office or more than one political party is presumed not to be controlled
10 by a candidate; [HOWEVER, A GROUP THAT CONTRIBUTES MORE THAN 50 PER CENT
11 OF ITS MONEY TO OR ON BEHALF OF ONE CANDIDATE SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO
12 SUPPORT ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR PURPOSES OF SEC. 70 OF THIS CHAPTER,
13 WHETHER OR NOT CONTROL OF THE GROUP HAS BEEN DISCLAIMED BY THE CANDI-
14 DATE;]

15 * Sec. 10. Secs. 1 - 4 and 9 of this Act are retroactive to June 26,
16 1975.

17 * Sec. 11. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.
18 070(c).
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