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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BEIRNE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 473

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act prohibiting expenditures by state agencies to  
7 favor or oppose a ballot proposition."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 37.10 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 5. PROHIBITED EXPENDITURES.

11 Sec. 37.10.120. CERTAIN ADVERTISING PROHIBITED. (a) A state  
12 agency may not spend money for advertising which is designed to or may  
13 influence the outcome of a ballot proposition scheduled to be voted on  
14 by the people of the state. This section prohibits advertising urging  
15 passage or defeat of a ballot proposition as well as generalized adver-  
16 tising that addresses indirectly the subject to be voted on in the  
17 ballot proposition.

18 (b) The prohibition established under (a) of this section is  
19 effective for the period starting on a date six months before the elec-  
20 tion and extending through the election.

21 (c) As used in this section,

22 (1) "money" includes all money under control of the agency,  
23 without regard to whether the source of the money is public or private;

24 (2) "state agency" means a state department or agency in the  
25 legislative, executive, or judicial branch of the state government and  
26 includes such entities as the University of Alaska and the Alaska State  
27 Housing Authority.  
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