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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 155

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to truth in political campaign

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advertising; and providing for an effective date."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 15.13 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 15.13.115. CIVIL PENALTY FOR RECKLESS DISREGARD FOR TRUTH

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IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS. (a) Each candidate is responsible for the

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truth of the statements contained in political advertising paid for by

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the candidate.

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(b) Each director and officer of a group is responsible for the

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truth of the statements contained in political advertising paid for by

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the group.

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(c) Each person is responsible for the truth of the statements

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contained in political advertising paid for by the person.

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(d) A candidate, a group, or an individual may file a complaint

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with the commission under AS 15.13.045 alleging that a statement

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contained in political advertising was issued in reckless disregard

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for the truth.

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(e) If, after an investigation, the commission determines that a

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candidate, group, or person knowingly made an untrue statement or

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statements in political advertising in reckless disregard for the

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truth, the candidate, group, or person is subject to censure by the

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commission and to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each

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untrue statement. A determination of the commission under this

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section may be appealed to the superior court.

1 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 1984.