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HOUSE BILL NO. 49

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to limitations on campaign financ-
7 ing."

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

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

10 Sec. 15.13.075. LIMITS ON CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES. (a) A resi-
11 dent individual who makes a contribution to a candidate for governor
12 or lieutenant governor or for the Alaska legislature is eligible for a
13 refund of contributions under AS 43.20.013(a) only if, at the time the
14 resident individual made the contribution, the candidate had filed a
15 statement with the Public Offices Commission agreeing to limit expen-
16 ditures under this section during the primary and general election
17 that year. A resident individual is not entitled to a credit for a
18 contribution unless the candidate for governor has agreed to limit
19 expenditures to \$750,000, the candidate for lieutenant governor has
20 agreed to limit expenditures to \$500,000, the candidate for the state
21 senate has agreed to limit expenditures to \$75,000, and a candidate
22 for the state house of representatives has agreed to limit expendi-
23 tures to \$50,000.

24 (b) At the time of accepting a contribution, a candidate or the
25 campaign treasurer of the candidate of a group shall advise the con-
26 tributor whether the contribution is eligible for a refund under (a)
27 of this section.

28 (c) A statement filed under (a) of this section may not be
29 rescinded and remains in effect for all expenditures of that campaign.

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

2 (a) A person who violates a provision of this chapter is guilty
3 of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is punishable by imprisonment
4 for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than \$5,000. A
5 violation includes but is not limited to any of the following acts or
6 omissions:

7 (1) failing to make a statement or report required to be
8 made under this chapter, or failing to make a statement or report at
9 the time the statement or report is required to be made under this
10 chapter;

11 (2) MAKING A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION OR EXPENDITURE WHICH
12 EXCEEDS THE LIMITATIONS OF AS 15.13.070(f);

13 (3) making a false statement or report under this chapter;

14 (3) [(4)] giving or furnishing money to another person or
15 group for the purpose of making a contribution or expenditure anony-
16 mously, in a fictitious name, or in the name of another, or contribut-
17 ing in violation of AS 15.13.070(d);

18 (4) [(5)] making a communication to support or defeat a
19 candidate without identification of sponsorship, in violation of
20 AS 15.13.090;

21 (5) [(6)] knowingly accepting a contribution in violation
22 of AS 15.13.070;

23 (6) making a campaign expenditure that exceeds the limita-
24 tions of AS 15.13.075(a) if the candidate has filed a statement with
25 the Public Offices Commission agreeing to limit expenditures.

26 * Sec. 3. AS 43.20.013(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) A resident individual is entitled to a tax credit not to
28 exceed \$100 for

29 (1) a contribution made in a calendar year to a person or

1 organization for use exclusively
2 (A) for a political campaign for a candidate for
3 (i) President or Vice-President of the United
4 States, whether or not the candidate will be voted on in a
5 primary election in Alaska;
6 (ii) United States senator from Alaska;
7 (iii) United States representative from Alaska;
8 (iv) governor or lieutenant governor of Alaska,
9 subject to AS 15.13.075;
10 (v) the Alaska legislature, subject to AS 15.13.-
11 075;
12 (vi) delegate to an Alaska constitutional conven-
13 tion;
14 (vii) electoral confirmation as a judge or justice
15 of a court in Alaska; or
16 (viii) municipal office in Alaska; or
17 (B) by a group seeking to influence the outcome of a
18 ballot proposition or question in Alaska; and
19 (2) dues paid in a calendar year to a nonprofit organiza-
20 tion organized primarily for the purpose of influencing elections in
21 Alaska.

22 * Sec. 4. AS 15.13.070(f) and (g) are repealed.