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SENATE BILL NO. 132

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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

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For an Act entitled: "An Act limiting campaign contributions and expenditures."

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

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* Section 1. AS 15.13.050 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

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(b) Two or more groups that share a common officer shall be

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treated as a single group for the purpose of determining whether the

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group has received contributions during the calendar year in an aggregate

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amount exceeding \$1,000 or has made expenditures during the

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calendar year in an aggregate amount exceeding \$1,000.

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(c) A group that supports or opposes a candidate for state

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office may not

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(1) have as an officer an individual who serves as an

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officer of another group that supports or opposes the same candidate;

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(2) act in concert with, make a contribution to or solicit

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a contribution for another group.

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* Sec. 2. AS 15.13.070(a) is amended to read:

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(a) A [NO] person [OR GROUP, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL

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POLITICAL COMMITTEES, BUSINESSES, CORPORATIONS, AND LABOR UNIONS,] may

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not contribute [TO OR EXPEND] more than \$1,000 a year to a single

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candidate [ON BEHALF OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE COMPETING CANDIDATES]

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for each elective office and may not contribute in the aggregate more

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than \$10,000 a year to candidates or groups generally. A political

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party and the subdivisions of a political party may not contribute in

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the aggregate more than \$5,000 to each candidate for political office.

1 Political parties and their subdivisions are [NOT SUBJECT TO THE
2 LIMITATION PRESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION, BUT THEY ARE] subject to the
3 reporting requirements prescribed by AS 15.13.040(b) and 15.13.110. A
4 group may not contribute more than \$1,000 to a single candidate for
5 political office and may not contribute more than \$25,000 to influence
6 elections generally. This [NOTHING IN THIS] chapter does not prohibit
7 [PROHIBITS]

8 (1) a candidate from contributing more than \$1,000 of
9 personal funds [HIS OWN MONEY] to the [HIS OWN] campaign; or

10 (2) individuals or groups, including but not limited to all
11 political committees, businesses, corporations, and labor unions, from
12 contributing to or expending on behalf of a ballot proposition or
13 question more than \$1,000 a year and the [; HOWEVER, THESE] contribu-
14 tions and expenditures shall be reported under [IN ACCORDANCE WITH]
15 AS 15.13.040 and 15.13.110.

16 * Sec. 3. AS 15.13 is amended by adding a new section to read:

17 Sec. 15.13.119. PROHIBITED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS. (a) A
18 candidate and the campaign treasurer of a candidate may accept a
19 contribution only from an individual, group, or political party.

20 (b) A group and the campaign treasurer of a group may make a
21 contribution to a candidate only to the extent of the contributions it
22 has received from individuals.

23 (c) A group may make a contribution to a group supporting or
24 opposing a ballot proposition or question from a contribution received
25 from another group, or from a corporation, labor union, or trade asso-
26 ciation.

27 * Sec. 4. AS 15.13.120(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) A person who violates a provision of this chapter is guilty
29 of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is punishable by imprisonment

1 for not more than one year and [OR] by a fine of not more than \$5,000
2 or four times the amount of the violation, whichever is more. A
3 violation includes but is not limited to any of the following acts or
4 omissions:

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

9 (2) [MAKING A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION OR EXPENDITURE WHICH
10 EXCEEDS THE LIMITATIONS OF AS 15.13.070(f);

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

12 (3) [(4)] giving or furnishing money to another person or
13 group for the purpose of making a contribution or expenditure anony-
14 mously, in a fictitious name, or in the name of another, or contribut-
15 ing in violation of AS 15.13.070(d);

16 (4) [(5)] making a communication to support or defeat a
17 candidate without identification of sponsorship, in violation of
18 AS 15.13.090;

19 (5) [(6)] knowingly accepting a contribution in violation
20 of AS 15.13.070 or 15.13.119.

21 * Sec. 5. AS 15.13.130(3) is repealed and reenacted to read:

22 (3) "group" means any combination of two or more persons or
23 individuals that makes expenditures during a calendar year in an
24 aggregate amount exceeding \$1,000 or receives contributions during a
25 calendar year in an aggregate amount exceeding \$1,000;

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