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SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR 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) An individual [NO PERSON OR GROUP, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED

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TO ALL POLITICAL COMMITTEES, BUSINESSES, CORPORATIONS, AND LABOR

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

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a single candidate [ON BEHALF OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE COMPETING

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CANDIDATES] for each elective office and may not contribute in the

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aggregate more than \$10,000 a year to candidates, groups, or political

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parties. A political party and the subdivisions of a political party

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may not contribute in the aggregate more than \$5,000 a year to each

1 candidate for political office. Political parties and their subdivi-
2 sions are [NOT SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION PRESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSEC-
3 TION, BUT THEY ARE] subject to the reporting requirements prescribed
4 by AS 15.13.040(b) and 15.13.110. A group may not contribute more
5 than \$1,000 a year to a single candidate for political office and may
6 not contribute more than \$25,000 a year to influence elections gener-
7 ally. This [NOTHING IN THIS] chapter does not prohibit [PROHIBITS]
8 (1) a candidate from contributing more than \$1,000 of personal funds
9 [HIS OWN MONEY] to the [HIS OWN] campaign; or (2) individuals or
10 groups, including but not limited to all political committees, busi-
11 nesses, corporations, and labor unions, from contributing to or
12 expending on behalf of a ballot proposition or question more than
13 \$1,000 a year; however, these contributions and expenditures shall be
14 reported under [IN ACCORDANCE WITH] AS 15.13.040 and 15.13.110.

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

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

19 (b) A group other than a group whose sole activity is attempting
20 to influence the outcome of a ballot proposition or question may
21 accept a contribution only from an individual.

22 (c) A political party may accept a contribution only from an
23 individual or a group.

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

25 (a) A person who violates a provision of this chapter is guilty
26 of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is punishable by imprisonment
27 for not more than one year and [OR] by a fine of not more than \$5,000
28 or four times the amount of the violation, whichever is more. A
29 violation includes but is not limited to any of the following acts or

1 omissions:

2 (1) failing to make a statement or report required to be
3 made under this chapter, or failing to make a statement or report at
4 the time the statement or report is required to be made under this
5 chapter;

6 (2) making a campaign contribution or expenditure which
7 exceeds the limitations of AS 15.13.070 [AS 15.13.070(f)];

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

9 (4) giving or furnishing money to another person or group
10 for the purpose of making a contribution or expenditure anonymously,
11 in a fictitious name, or in the name of another, or contributing in
12 violation of AS 15.13.070(d);

13 (5) making a communication to support or defeat a candidate
14 without identification of sponsorship, in violation of AS 15.13.090;

15 (6) knowingly making, soliciting, or accepting a contribu-
16 tion in violation of AS 15.13.070 or 15.13.119.

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

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

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