

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY HOFFMAN

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HOUSE BILL NO. 234

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to campaign finance reform."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 15.13.070(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) An individual, [NO] person, or group, including but not  
10 limited to all political committees, businesses, corporations, and  
11 labor unions, may not contribute [TO OR EXPEND] more than \$1,000 a  
12 year to a candidate. A candidate for the state Senate may not accept  
13 more than a cumulative total of \$20,000 a year in contributions from  
14 corporations, labor unions, and groups and may not accept more than a  
15 cumulative total of \$20,000 a year in contributions from political  
16 parties and their subdivisions; a candidate for the state House of  
17 Representatives may not accept more than a cumulative total of \$10,000  
18 a year in contributions from corporations, labor unions, and groups  
19 and may not accept more than a cumulative total of \$10,000 a year in  
20 contributions from political parties and their subdivisions. An  
21 individual may not accept a contribution on and after the date of the  
22 general election through a date one year before the primary at which  
23 the individual will seek election or reelection to the legislature [ON  
24 BEHALF OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE COMPETING CANDIDATES FOR EACH ELEC-  
25 TIVE OFFICE]. Political parties and their subdivisions are [NOT  
26 SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION PRESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION, BUT THEY ARE]  
27 subject to the reporting requirements prescribed by AS 15.13.040(b)  
28 and 15.13.110. This [NOTHING IN THIS] chapter does not prohibit  
29 [PROHIBITS]

1           (1) a candidate from contributing more than \$1,000 to the  
2 [OF HIS OWN MONEY TO HIS OWN] campaign of the candidate; or

3           (2) individuals, persons, or groups, including but not  
4 limited to all political committees, businesses, corporations, [AND]  
5 labor unions, and political parties from contributing to or expending  
6 on behalf of a ballot proposition or question more than \$1,000 a year;  
7 the [HOWEVER, THESE] contributions and expenditures shall be reported  
8 under [IN ACCORDANCE WITH] AS 15.13.040 and 15.13.110.

9 \* Sec. 2. AS 15.13.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10           (i) A candidate for public office may not take contributions as  
11 personal income during a campaign for elective office or during tenure  
12 as an elected public official.