

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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SENATE BILL NO. 241

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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 election campaign financing."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 15.13.050 is amended to read:

9           Sec. 15.13.050. GROUPS. Each group, before making an expen-  
10 diture on behalf of [,] or in opposition to [,] a candidate, and a  
11 political party, before making [OR] a contribution to a candidate,  
12 shall register [, ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION,] with the  
13 commission on forms provided by the commission. If the group intends  
14 to support or oppose only one candidate, or to contribute to or expend  
15 [ON BEHALF OF, OR IN OPPOSITION TO, ONE CANDIDATE] 50 percent or more  
16 of its funds on behalf of or in opposition to one candidate, the name  
17 of the candidate must [SHALL] be a part of the name of the group.  
18 Promptly upon receiving the registration, the commission shall notify  
19 the candidate of the group's organization and intent.

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

21           (a) An individual [NO PERSON OR GROUP, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED  
22 TO ALL POLITICAL COMMITTEES, BUSINESSES, CORPORATIONS, AND LABOR  
23 UNIONS,] may not contribute [TO OR EXPEND] more than \$1,000 a year [ON  
24 BEHALF OF OR IN OPPOSITION] to a candidate [THE COMPETING CANDIDATES  
25 FOR EACH ELECTIVE OFFICE]. No group other than a political party, and  
26 no person other than an individual, may contribute to a candidate.  
27 Political parties and their subdivisions are not subject to the limi-  
28 tation prescribed in this subsection, but they are subject to the  
29 reporting requirements prescribed by AS 15.13.040(b) and 15.13.110.

1 Nothing in this chapter prohibits

2 (1) a candidate from contributing more than \$1,000 of the  
3 candidate's [HIS] own money to the candidate's [HIS] own campaign; or

4 (2) individuals or groups, including but not limited to all  
5 political committees, businesses, corporations, and labor unions, from  
6 contributing to or expending on behalf of a ballot proposition or  
7 question more than \$1,000 a year; however, these contributions and  
8 expenditures shall be reported in accordance with AS 15.13.040 and  
9 15.13.110.

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

11 Sec. 15.13.075. CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES BY LOBBYISTS. An individual  
12 who is registered as a lobbyist under AS 24.45 may contribute the  
13 lobbyist's own money, goods, and services to a candidate, subject to  
14 the limits of AS 15.13.070. However, no person registered as a lobby-  
15 ist under AS 24.45 may

16 (1) serve as a campaign treasurer or deputy campaign trea-  
17 surer for a candidate for governor, lieutenant governor, or the legis-  
18 lature; or

19 (2) directly or indirectly solicit, receive, collect,  
20 handle, disburse, or account for campaign contributions for a  
21 candidate for governor, lieutenant governor, or the legislature.

22 \* Sec. 4. AS 15.13.080 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 15.13.080. STATEMENT BY CONTRIBUTOR. A person or political  
24 party [GROUP] contributing [TO A CANDIDATE] over \$250 in money. [OR  
25 CONTRIBUTING] goods, or services to a candidate [WITH A VALUE OF MORE  
26 THAN \$250 TO INFLUENCE THE ELECTION OF A CANDIDATE] shall furnish the  
27 commission a signed statement, on a form made available by the commis-  
28 sion. The statement shall itemize the contributions [AND GOODS] and  
29 state that the contributor is not a person or group prohibited by law

1 from contributing and that the contribution consists of funds or  
2 property belonging to the contributor and has not been given or fur-  
3 nished by another person or group. The contributor's statement shall  
4 be filed with the commission by the contributor no later than 10 days  
5 after the contribution is made. A copy of the statement shall be  
6 furnished the candidate, campaign treasurer, or deputy campaign trea-  
7 surer at the time the contribution is made.