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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 318

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Fair Campaign Practices

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Code."

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

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* Section 1. AS 15.13 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 2. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES CODE.

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Sec. 15.13.150. SUBSCRIPTION TO FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES CODE.

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(a) The commission shall prepare a form that contains the Fair Campaign Practices Code established under AS 15.13.160 with a place for a candidate to sign the form and to indicate that the candidate endorses, subscribes to, and pledges to abide by the code.

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(b) The commission shall send a copy of the form containing the Fair Campaign Practices Code to each candidate required to file a report or statement with the commission. A candidate who agrees to comply with the Fair Campaign Practices Code shall sign the form and return the signed copy to the commission. A candidate who fails or refuses to sign the Fair Campaign Practices Code does not violate any provision of this chapter.

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Sec. 15.13.160. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES CODE. The Fair Campaign Practices Code is:

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There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate for public office in the state has a moral obligation to observe and uphold in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the

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1 people may be clearly expressed on the issues before the state.

2 Therefore,

3 I will conduct my campaign in the best American tradition, dis-
4 cussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and poli-
5 cies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear
6 or favor the record and policies of my opponent and the party of
7 my opponent that merit such criticism.

8 I will defend and uphold the right of every Alaskan voter to full
9 and equal participation in the electoral process.

10 I will conduct my campaign without the use of personal vilifica-
11 tion, character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander,
12 or scurrilous attacks on my opponent or the personal or family
13 life of my opponent.

14 I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents,
15 distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts nor will I use mali-
16 cious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting
17 doubts, without justification, as to the loyalty and patriotism
18 of my opponent.

19 I will not make any appeal to prejudice based on race, sex,
20 creed, or national origin.

21 I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical prac-
22 tice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of
23 free elections or that hampers or prevents the free and full
24 expression of the will of the voters.

25 Insofar as is possible, I will immediately and publicly repudiate
26 support deriving from any individual or group that resorts, on
27 behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent,
28 to the methods and tactics that I have pledged not to use or
29 condone.

1 * Sec. 2. AS 15.58.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
2 (h) The page that contains the candidate's photograph or state-
3 ment must also prominently reflect whether the candidate has agreed to
4 the Fair Campaign Practices Code under AS 15.13.150 - 15.13.160.