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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 318 (Judiciary)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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

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Code."

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

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\* Section 1. AS 15.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 6. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES CODE.

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Sec. 15.20.810. SUBSCRIPTION TO FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES CODE.

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(a) The director shall prepare a form that contains the Fair Campaign Practices Code established under AS 15.20.820 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 director shall provide a copy of the Fair Campaign Practices Code to each candidate who files a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition with the director. A candidate who agrees to comply with the Fair Campaign Practices Code shall sign the form and return the signed copy to the director at the time the candidate files a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition. A candidate who does not sign the Fair Campaign Practices Code does not violate a provision of this chapter.

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Sec. 15.20.820. 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

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1 constitutional right to a free and untrammled choice and the will of  
2 the people may be clearly expressed on the issues before the state.  
3 Therefore,

4 I will conduct my campaign without the use of personal vilifica-  
5 tion, character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander,  
6 or scurrilous attacks on my opponent or the personal or family  
7 life of my opponent.

8 I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents,  
9 distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts nor will I use mali-  
10 cious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting  
11 doubts, without justification, as to the loyalty and patriotism  
12 of my opponent.

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

15 I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical prac-  
16 tice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of  
17 free elections or that hampers or prevents the free and full  
18 expression of the will of the voters.

19 Insofar as is possible, I will immediately and publicly repudiate  
20 support deriving from any individual or group that resorts, on  
21 behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent,  
22 to the methods and tactics that I have pledged not to use or  
23 condone.

24 \* Sec. 2. AS 15.58.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

25 (h) The page that contains the candidate's photograph or state-  
26 ment must also prominently reflect whether the candidate has agreed to  
27 the Fair Campaign Practices Code under AS 15.20.810 - 15.20.820.