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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 318 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

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

10 ARTICLE 6. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES CODE.

11 Sec. 15.20.810. SUBSCRIPTION TO FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES CODE.

12 (a) The director shall prepare a form that contains the Fair Campaign  
13 Practices Code established under AS 15.20.820 with a place for a  
14 candidate to sign the form and to indicate that the candidate en-  
15 dorses, subscribes to, and pledges to abide by the code.

16 (b) The director shall provide a copy of the Fair Campaign  
17 Practices Code to each candidate who files a declaration of candidacy  
18 or nominating petition with the director. A candidate who agrees to  
19 comply with the Fair Campaign Practices Code shall sign the form and  
20 return the signed copy to the director at the time the candidate files  
21 a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition. A candidate who  
22 does not sign the Fair Campaign Practices Code does not violate a  
23 provision of this chapter.

24 Sec. 15.20.820. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES CODE. The Fair Campaign  
25 Practices Code is:

26 There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play  
27 that every candidate for public office in the state has a moral obli-  
28 gation to observe and uphold in order that, after vigorously contested  
29 but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their

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 15.58.020 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

25 (11) the full text of the fair campaign practices code, a  
26 list of those candidates who have agreed to it, and a list of the  
27 telephone numbers of the division of elections accompanied by a state-  
28 ment that a member of the public who observes a violation of the fair  
29 campaign practices code should report the violation to the nearest

1 office of the division of elections.