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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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SENATE BILL NO. 231

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

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

21       (a) An individual [A 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 This chapter does not prohibit

2 (1) a candidate from contributing more than \$1,000 of the  
3 candidate's own money to the candidate's 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  
15 lobbyist 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 candi-  
21 date 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. Each individual or  
24 political party [A PERSON OR GROUP] contributing [TO A CANDIDATE] over  
25 \$250 in money, [OR CONTRIBUTING] goods, or services to a candidate  
26 [WITH A VALUE OF MORE THAN \$250 TO INFLUENCE THE ELECTION OF A CANDI-  
27 DATE] shall furnish the commission a signed statement, on a form made  
28 available by the commission. The statement shall itemize the contri-  
29 butions [AND GOODS] and state that the contributor is not a person or

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