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1 IN THE SENATE

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SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR 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 \$2,000 [\$1,000] a
24 year [ON BEHALF OF OR IN OPPOSITION] to a candidate, and an individual
25 or a group may not contribute more than \$2,000 a year in the aggregate
26 to a political party and any of its subdivisions [THE COMPETING CANDI-
27 DATES FOR EACH ELECTIVE OFFICE]. No group other than a political
28 party or a subdivision of a political party, and no person other than
29 an individual, may contribute to a candidate. Political parties and

1 their subdivisions are not subject to the limitation prescribed in
2 this subsection, but they are subject to the reporting requirements
3 prescribed by AS 15.13.040(b) and 15.13.110. This chapter does not
4 prohibit

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

7 (2) individuals or groups, including but not limited to all
8 political committees, businesses, corporations, and labor unions, from
9 contributing to or expending on behalf of a ballot proposition or
10 question more than \$2,000 [\$1,000] a year; however, these contribu-
11 tions and expenditures shall be reported in accordance with AS
12 15.13.040 and 15.13.110.

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

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

19 (1) serve as a campaign treasurer or deputy campaign trea-
20 surer for a candidate for governor, lieutenant governor, or the legis-
21 lature; or

22 (2) directly or indirectly solicit, receive, collect,
23 handle, disburse, or account for contributions for a candidate for
24 governor, lieutenant governor, or the legislature.

25 * Sec. 4. AS 15.13.080 is amended to read:

26 Sec. 15.13.080. STATEMENT BY CONTRIBUTOR. Each individual or
27 political party [A PERSON OR GROUP] contributing [TO A CANDIDATE] over
28 \$250 in money, [OR CONTRIBUTING] goods, or services to a candidate
29 [WITH A VALUE OF MORE THAN \$250 TO INFLUENCE THE ELECTION OF A

1 CANDIDATE] shall furnish the commission a signed statement, on a form
2 made available by the commission. The statement shall itemize the
3 contributions [AND GOODS] and state that the contributor is not a
4 person or group prohibited by law from contributing and that the
5 contribution consists of funds or property belonging to the contribu-
6 tor and has not been given or furnished by another person or group.
7 The contributor's statement shall be filed with the commission by the
8 contributor no later than 10 days after the contribution is made. A
9 copy of the statement shall be furnished the candidate, campaign
10 treasurer, or deputy campaign treasurer at the time the contribution
11 is made.