

HOUSE BILL NO. 40

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRUCKMAN

Introduced: 1/21/91

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the providing of false information in an election pamphlet."**

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

3 *** Section 1.** AS 15.56.010(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A person commits the crime of campaign misconduct in the first degree if the person

5 (1) knowingly circulates or has written, printed, or circulated a letter, circular, or
6 publication relating to an election, to a candidate at an election, or an election proposition or
7 question without the name and address of the author appearing on its face;

8 (2) knowingly prints or publishes an advertisement, billboard, placard, poster,
9 handbill, paid-for television or radio announcement or other communication intended to influence
10 the election of a candidate or outcome of a ballot proposition or question without the words "paid
11 for by" followed by the name and address of the candidate, group, or individual paying for the
12 advertising or communication and, if a candidate or group, with the name of the campaign chair
13 [CHAIRMAN]; [OR]

14 (3) knowingly writes or prints and circulates, or has written, printed, and

1 circulated, a letter, circular, bill, placard, poster, or advertisement in a newspaper, on radio or
2 television

3 (A) containing false factual information relating to a candidate for an
4 election;

5 (B) that [WHICH] the person knows to be false; and

6 (C) that [WHICH] would provoke a reasonable person under the
7 circumstances to a breach of the peace or damages the candidate's reputation for honesty,
8 integrity, or the candidate's qualifications to serve if elected to office; or

9 (4) submits, or causes to be submitted, factual information that the person
10 knows is false for inclusion in the election pamphlet under AS 15.58.