

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 40 (JUDICIARY)  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/15/91  
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE BRUCKMAN

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the offense of campaign misconduct in the first degree."

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 or in the election pamphlet under AS 15.58 that

3                       (A) contains information [CONTAINING FALSE FACTUAL  
4       INFORMATION RELATING TO A CANDIDATE FOR AN ELECTION;

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

6                       (B) relates to a candidate's reputation for honesty or integrity,  
7       qualifications for office, or background or experience, including information about  
8       the candidate writing, printing, or circulating the information [(C) WHICH WOULD  
9       PROVOKE A REASONABLE PERSON UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO A  
10       BREACH OF THE PEACE OR DAMAGES THE CANDIDATE'S REPUTATION FOR  
11       HONESTY, INTEGRITY, OR THE CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE  
12       IF ELECTED TO OFFICE].