

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 183 (STATE AFFAIRS)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/18/92

Referred: Judiciary, Finance

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES FINKELSTEIN, Ellis, Parnell, Kubina, Carney, Koponen, Gruenberg,
Bruckman, Ulmer, Brown, Donley, B.Davis**

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the Fair Campaign Practices Code."**

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

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

4 **ARTICLE 6. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES CODE.**

5 **Sec. 15.20.810. SUBSCRIPTION TO FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES CODE.** (a) The
6 director shall prepare a form that contains the Fair Campaign Practices Code established under
7 AS 15.20.820 with a place for a candidate to sign the form and to indicate that the candidate en-
8 dors, subscribes to, and pledges to abide by the code.

9 (b) The director shall provide a copy of the Fair Campaign Practices Code to each
10 candidate who files a declaration of candidacy or nominating petition with the director. A
11 candidate who agrees to comply with the Fair Campaign Practices Code shall sign the form and
12 return the signed copy to the director at the time the candidate files a declaration of candidacy
13 or nominating petition. A candidate who does not sign the Fair Campaign Practices Code does
14 not violate a provision of this chapter.

1 **Sec. 15.20.820. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES CODE.** The Fair Campaign Practices
2 Code is:

3 There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate for
4 public office in the state has a moral obligation to observe and uphold in order that, after
5 vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their
6 constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be clearly
7 expressed on the issues before the state. Therefore,

8 I will conduct my campaign in a straightforward manner that exemplifies the highest
9 standards and traditions of the American system of free elections so as to present the
10 voters with a clear choice.

11 I will conduct my campaign without the use of personal vilification, character defamation,
12 whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or false communications about my opponent or the
13 personal life of my opponent.

14 I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise
15 falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating
16 or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the loyalty and patriotism of my
17 opponent.

18 I will conduct my campaign free of any appeal to prejudice based on any classification
19 prohibited under AS 18.80 (Human Rights).

20 I will not defer the making of charges or accusations to a time immediately before the
21 election for the purpose of denying my opponent an opportunity to respond before the
22 votes are cast.

23 I will not attempt to air charges against my opponent through another individual or group
24 in an attempt to circumvent this code.

25 Insofar as is possible, I will immediately and publicly repudiate support deriving from any
26 individual or group that resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my
27 opponent, to the methods and tactics that I have pledged not to use or condone.

28 * Sec. 2. AS 15.58.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

29 (h) The page that contains the candidate's photograph or statement must also prominently
30 reflect whether the candidate has agreed to the Fair Campaign Practices Code under
31 AS 15.20.810 - 15.20.820.