

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

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

**Offered: 3/13/92
Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES FINKEI STEIN, 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 **values of the American system of free elections.**

10 **I will conduct my campaign without the use of personal vilification, character defamation,**
11 **whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or false communications.**

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

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

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

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

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

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