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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORTED OUT
MAR 23 2001
SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

DATE: 3/13/01

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 23 March 01

Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 103

"An Act relating to election campaigns and legislative ethics; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with CS SB 103 (FIN)
- adopt previous CS CS Forthcoming ()
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

- Senate Bill:
 same title
 new title
 House Bill:
 same title
 technical title
 new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

| Department | Date | Fiscal | Zero | FN# |
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| Admin/APOC | 3/2/01 | 78.9 | | |
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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

| SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS: | DO PASS | DO NOT PASS | NO REC | AMEND |
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| <i>Loren D. Simon</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | |
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MAR 23 2001

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number:
Bill Version:
() Publish Date:

CSSB103 (JUD)

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):
Title: "An act relating to election campaigns"

Dept. Affected: Administration
BRU: Alaska Public Offices Commission
Component: _____

Sponsor: Senate State Affairs
Requester: Senate Finance

Component Number: 70

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 | FY 2007 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Personal Services | 52.5 | 52.5 | 52.5 | 52.5 | 52.5 | 52.5 |
| Travel | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Contractual | 21.7 | 23.2 | 23.2 | 23.2 | 21.0 | 21.0 |
| Supplies | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Equipment | | | | | | |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 78.9 | 76.3 | 76.3 | 76.3 | 74.1 | 74.1 |

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| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
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| CHANGE IN REVENUES () | | | | | | |
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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| 1002 Federal Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1003 GF Match | | | | | | |
| 1004 GF | 78.9 | 78.9 | 76.3 | 76.3 | 74.1 | 74.1 |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health | | | | | | |
| Other (Specify Type) | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 78.9 | 76.3 | 76.3 | 76.3 | 74.1 | 74.1 |

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

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| Full-time | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Part-time | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Temporary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See Attached

Prepared by: Brooke Miles
Division: Alaska Public Offices Commission
Approved by: Jim Duncan, Commissioner
Agency: Department of Administration

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Fiscal Note Analysis
SB 103

This is staff's estimate of the fiscal impact of CSSB 103(JUD). The Commission will not have an opportunity to review the proposed legislation and staff's recommendations for a fiscal note until their next meeting on March 29th and 30th, 2001.

SB 103 will result in additional costs to the Commission. The bill increases the amount of surplus campaign goods that may be taken by a candidate for personal use from \$2500 to \$5000 and provides that candidates may also retain campaign photographs, seasonal greeting cards and campaign signs.

In addition, the bill makes changes to AS 15.13 and to the legislative ethics act that will permit legislators and legislative staff to expend public funds in support of or opposition to a ballot question that amends the constitution. This will likely result in public inquiries and complaints requiring investigation by commission staff. It also amends the definition of "contribution" to exclude all professional services provided voluntarily to candidates and groups. This will result in both public inquiries and third party complaints requiring commission staff investigation and commission adjudication.

This draft fiscal note also reflects the costs to the Commission for conducting statewide seminars to educate candidates, groups, and political parties about the changes; revising manuals, forms, and database structures; and responding to informal inquiries, and advisory opinion requests.

Personal services costs reflect a permanent part time Paralegal Assistant I to assist the current Investigator position, a permanent part-time Administrative Clerk I to provide support, and overtime for current employees to amend reporting materials and conduct training for the Anchorage municipal elections and the 2002 state and municipal election cycles.

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

adopted

Amendment Number: 1
Bill Number: SB 103
Sponsor: Donley Date: 3/21
Logged In By: Cadie

22-LS0148\W.1
Kurtz
3/19/01

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE
TO: CSSB 103(JUD)

BY SENATOR DONLEY

1 Page 6, line 5:

2 Delete "or"

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4 Page 6, line 9, following ";":

5 Insert "or

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(v) any communication in the form of a newsletter

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from a legislator to the legislator's constituents, except a

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communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a

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candidate;"

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11 Page 8, line 13:

12 Delete "or"

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14 Page 8, line 16, following ";":

15 Insert "or

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(K) a legislator from sending any communication in the

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form of a newsletter to the legislator's constituents, except a

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communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a

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candidate;"

adopted
as amended
BY SEN DONLEY

IN SEN FINANCE
TO SB 103 (JUD)

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: 2 AMENDED

Bill Number: SB 103

Sponsor: Donley Date: 3/22

Logged In By: Cadie

AMEND

Page 6, Line 4

delete "photographs and biographies of"

insert "~~information about~~"

"photographs, biographies, and
information about"

Page 9, Line 26

after ~~blatant~~ "solicit"

insert "or receive"

amended & adopted
BY SEN DONLEY

IN SEN FINANCE
TO SB 103 (JUD)

SENATE: FINANCE
COMMITTEE
Amendment Number: 2
Bill Number: SB 103
Sponsor: Donley Date: 3/22
Logged In By: Cadie

AMEND

Page 6, Line 4

delete "(photographs)
photographs and biographies of"

insert "information about"

Page 9, Line 26

after ~~blatant~~ "solicit"

insert "or receive"

BY SEN DONLEY

IN SEN FINANCE
TO SB 103 (JUD)

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: 2

Bill Number: SB 103

Sponsor: Donley Date: 3/22

Logged In By: Cadie

AMEND

Page 6, Line 4

delete "photographs, and biographies of"
 insert "information about"

amended to this

Page 9, Line 26

after ~~the word~~ "solicit"
 insert "or receive"

Page 6, Line 4

replace "and biographies of"
 with

" , biographies and information about "

adopted

BY SEN DONLEY

IN SEN FINANCE
TO SB 103 (JUD)

AMEND

Page 5, lines 25 - 28

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: 3

Bill Number: SB 103

Sponsor: Donley Date: 3/22

Logged In By: Cadie

political party, candidate, or ballot proposition
or question, but it does include professional
services, other than legal or accounting
services, volunteered by individuals for
which they would be paid a fee or wage.

adopted

22-LS0148\W.4
Cramer
3/21/01

By Olson

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE
TO: CSSB 103(JUD)

- 1 Page 9, following line 26:
- 2 Insert a new bill section to read:
- 3 ** Sec. 8. AS 24.60.080(c) is amended to read:
- 4 (c) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, it is not a violation of this section for a
- 5 legislator or legislative employee to accept
- 6 (1) hospitality, other than hospitality described in (4) of this
- 7 subsection,
- 8 (A) with incidental transportation at the residence of a person;
- 9 however, a vacation home located outside the state is not considered a
- 10 residence for the purposes of this subparagraph; or
- 11 (B) at a social event or meal;
- 12 (2) discounts that are available
- 13 (A) generally to the public or to a large class of persons to
- 14 which the person belongs; or
- 15 (B) when on official state business, but only if receipt of the
- 16 discount benefits the state;
- 17 (3) food or foodstuffs indigenous to the state that are shared generally
- 18 as a cultural or social norm;
- 19 (4) travel and hospitality primarily for the purpose of obtaining
- 20 information on matters of legislative concern;
- 21 (5) gifts from the immediate family of the person;
- 22 (6) gifts that are not connected with the recipient's legislative status;
- 23 (7) a discount for all or part of a legislative session, including time
- 24 immediately preceding or following the session, or other gift to welcome a legislator

1 or legislative employee who is employed on the personal staff of a legislator or by a
2 standing or special committee to the capital city or in recognition of the beginning of a
3 legislative session if the gift or discount is available generally to all legislators and the
4 personal staff of legislators and staff of standing and special committees; this
5 paragraph does not apply to legislative employees who are employed by the
6 Legislative Affairs Agency, the office of the chief clerk, the office of the senate
7 secretary, the legislative budget and audit committee, or the office of the ombudsman;
8 [OR]

9 (8) a gift of legal services in a matter of legislative concern and a gift
10 of other services related to the provision of legal services in a matter of legislative
11 concern; or

12 (9) a gift of transportation from a legislator to a legislator if the
13 transportation takes place in the state on or in an aircraft, boat, motor vehicle, or
14 other means of transport owned or under the control of the donor; this
15 paragraph does not apply to travel described in (4) of this subsection or travel for
16 political campaign purposes."

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18 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.



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Senate Finance Committee

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FROM: CADIE BUCKLEY
SENATE FINANCE CMTE. ASST. SECRETARY
PHONE: 465-2618
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NOTES: NEED FINANCE WORK DRAFT INCORPORATING
THESE FOUR AMENDMENTS INTO

CS SB 103 (JUD), 22-LS0148/W

NEED BY 3:00 PM TODAY - PLEASE
CALL IF THERE IS A PROBLEM

THANKS,
Cadie

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Kurtz/Cramer
3/22/01

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 103(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to election campaigns and legislative ethics."

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

3 * Section 1. AS 15.13.050(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) If a group intends to support only one candidate [,] or to contribute to or
5 expend on behalf of one candidate 33 1/3 percent or more of its funds, the name of the
6 candidate shall be a part of the name of the group. If the group intends to oppose only
7 one candidate [,] or to contribute its funds in opposition to or make expenditures in
8 opposition to a candidate, the group's name must clearly state that it opposes that
9 candidate by using a word such as "opposes," "opposing," "in opposition to," or
10 "against" in the group's name. Promptly upon receiving the registration, the
11 commission shall notify the candidate of the group's organization and intent. A
12 candidate may register more than one group to support the candidate; however,
13 multiple groups controlled by a single candidate shall be treated as a single group
14 for purposes of the contribution limit in AS 15.13.070(b)(1).

15 * Sec. 2. AS 15.13.116(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) A candidate who, after the date of the general, special, municipal, or
2 municipal runoff election or after the date the candidate withdraws as a candidate,
3 whichever comes first, holds unused campaign contributions shall distribute the
4 amount held within 90 days. The distribution may only be made to

5 (1) pay bills incurred for expenditures reasonably related to the
6 campaign and the winding up of the affairs of the campaign, including a victory or
7 thank you party, thank you advertisements, and thank you gifts to campaign
8 employees and volunteers, and to pay expenditures associated with post-election fund
9 raising that may be needed to raise funds to pay off campaign debts;

10 (2) make donations, without condition, to

11 (A) a political party;

12 (B) the state's general fund;

13 (C) a municipality of the state; or

14 (D) the federal government;

15 (3) make donations, without condition, to organizations qualified as
16 charitable organizations under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3), provided the organization is not
17 controlled by the candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family;

18 (4) repay loans from the candidate to the candidate's own campaign
19 under AS 15.13.078(b);

20 (5) repay contributions to contributors, but only if repayment of the
21 contribution is made pro rata in approximate proportion to the contributions made
22 using one of the following, as the candidate determines:

23 (A) to all contributors;

24 (B) to contributors who have contributed most recently; or

25 (C) to contributors who have made larger contributions;

26 (6) establish a fund for, and from that fund to pay, attorney fees or
27 costs incurred in the prosecution or defense of an administrative or civil judicial action
28 that directly concerns a challenge to the victory or defeat of the candidate in the
29 election;

30 (7) transfer all or a portion of the unused campaign contributions to an
31 account for a future election campaign; a transfer under this paragraph is limited to

1 (A) \$50,000, if the transfer is made by a candidate for governor
2 or lieutenant governor;

3 (B) \$10,000, if the transfer is made by a candidate for the state
4 senate;

5 (C) \$5,000, if the transfer is made by a candidate for the state
6 house of representatives; and

7 (D) \$5,000, if the transfer is made by a candidate for an office
8 not described in (A) - (C) of this paragraph;

9 (8) transfer all or a portion of the unused campaign contributions to a
10 public office expense term account [OR TO A PUBLIC OFFICE EXPENSE TERM
11 ACCOUNT RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH (d) OF THIS SECTION]; a
12 transfer under this paragraph is subject to the following:

13 (A) the authority to transfer is limited to candidates who are
14 elected to the state legislature;

15 (B) the public office expense term account established under
16 this paragraph may be used only for expenses associated with the candidate's
17 serving as a member of the legislature;

18 (C) all amounts expended from the public office expense term
19 account shall be annually accounted for under AS 15.13.110(a)(4); [AND]

20 (D) a transfer under this paragraph is limited to \$10,000 for a
21 candidate for the house of representatives and \$20,000 for a candidate for
22 the senate; and

23 (E) at the end of the candidate's term of office, a balance in
24 the public office expense term account must be disposed of as provided in
25 this subsection but may not be disposed of as provided in (1), (4), or (6) -
26 (9) of this subsection [\$5,000 MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF YEARS
27 IN THE TERM TO WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS ELECTED]; and

28 (9) transfer all or a portion of the unused campaign contributions to a
29 municipal office account; a transfer under this paragraph is subject to the following:

30 (A) the authority to transfer is limited to candidates who are
31 elected to municipal office, including a municipal school board;

1 (B) the municipal office account established under this
2 paragraph may be used only for expenses associated with the candidate's
3 serving as mayor or as a member of the assembly, city council, or school
4 board;

5 (C) all amounts expended from the municipal office account
6 shall be annually accounted for under AS 15.13.110(a)(4); and

7 (D) a transfer under this paragraph is limited to \$5,000.

8 * Sec. 3. AS 15.13.116(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) After a general, special, municipal, or municipal runoff election, a
10 candidate may retain the ownership of one computer and one printer and of personal
11 property, except money, that was acquired by and for use in the campaign. The
12 current fair market value of the property retained, exclusive of the computer and
13 printer, may not exceed \$5,000 [\$2,500]. All other property shall be disposed of, or
14 sold and the sale proceeds disposed of, in accordance with (a) or (c) of this section.
15 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,

16 (1) a candidate may (A) [(1)] retain a bulk mailing permit that was
17 paid for with campaign funds, and (B) [(2)] use personal funds, campaign funds, or
18 unused campaign contributions transferred to a public office expense term account
19 under (a)(8) of this section to pay the continuing charges for the permit after the
20 election; money [. MONEY] used to continue the life of the permit is not considered
21 to be a contribution under this chapter; in [. IN] addition to any other use permitted
22 under this chapter, during the candidate's term of office, the candidate may use the
23 bulk mailing permit for mailings associated with service in the office to which the
24 candidate was elected; during [. DURING] the candidate's term of office, if the
25 candidate files a declaration of candidacy or the document necessary to permit the
26 candidate to incur election-related expenses under AS 15.13.100 [A LETTER OF
27 INTENT TO BECOME A CANDIDATE] for the same or a different elective office,
28 the candidate may also use the bulk mailing permit in that election campaign;

29 (2) a candidate may retain campaign photographs and use the
30 photographs for any purpose associated with service in the office to which the
31 candidate was elected;

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(3) a candidate may retain seasonal greeting cards purchased with campaign funds; and

(4) campaign signs prepared for an election that has already taken place have no monetary value and may be retained or disposed of at the candidate's discretion.

* Sec. 4. AS 15.13.145(b) is amended to read:

(b) Money held by an entity identified in (a)(1) - (3) of this section may be used to influence the outcome of an election concerning a ballot proposition or question if the use is permitted under AS 24.60.030(a)(5)(G) or [, BUT ONLY] if the funds have been specifically appropriated for that purpose by a state law or a municipal ordinance.

* Sec. 5. AS 15.13.400(3) is amended to read:

(3) "contribution"

(A) means a purchase, payment, promise or obligation to pay, loan or loan guarantee, deposit or gift of money, goods, or services for which charge is ordinarily made and that is made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, and in AS 15.13.010(b) for the purpose of influencing a ballot proposition or question, including the payment by a person other than a candidate or political party, or compensation for the personal services of another person, that are rendered to the candidate or political party;

(B) does not include

(i) services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a political party, candidate, or ballot proposition or question, but it does include professional services, other than legal or accounting services, volunteered by individuals for which they ordinarily would be paid a fee or wage;

(ii) [SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN ACCOUNTANT OR OTHER PERSON TO PREPARE REPORTS AND STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY THIS CHAPTER; OR

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(iii)] ordinary hospitality in a home;

(iii) two or fewer mass mailings before each election by each political party describing the party's slate of candidates for election, which may include ^{inserted:} photographs, biographies, and information about the party's candidates; ~~or~~

(iv) the results of a poll limited to issues and not mentioning any candidate, unless the poll was requested by or designed primarily to benefit the candidate or provided by an individual required to register as a lobbyist under AS 24.45; ^{inserted} or

(v) any communication in the form of a newsletter from a legislator to the legislator's constituents, except a communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a candidate;

* Sec. 6. AS 15.13.400(4) is amended to read:

(4) "expenditure"

(A) means a purchase or a transfer of money or anything of value, or promise or agreement to purchase or transfer money or anything of value, incurred or made for the purpose of

(i) influencing the nomination or election of a candidate or of any individual who files for nomination at a later date and becomes a candidate;

(ii) use by a political party;

(iii) the payment by a person other than a candidate or political party of compensation for the personal services of another person that are rendered to a candidate or political party; or

(iv) influencing the outcome of a ballot proposition or question;

(B) does not include

(i) a candidate's filing fee or the cost of preparing reports and statements required by this chapter; or

(ii) communications with a value of \$500 or less on

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1 any subject made by a corporation to its stockholders and
2 employees and their families or by a nonprofit corporation, labor
3 organization, or unincorporated business or trade association to its
4 employees and members and their families;

5 * Sec. 7. AS 24.60.030(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) A legislator or legislative employee may not

7 (1) solicit, agree to accept, or accept a benefit other than official
8 compensation for the performance of public duties; this paragraph may not be
9 construed to prohibit lawful solicitation for and acceptance of campaign contributions
10 or the acceptance of a lawful gratuity under AS 24.60.080;

11 (2) use public funds, facilities, equipment, services, or another
12 government asset or resource for a nonlegislative purpose, for involvement in or
13 support of or opposition to partisan political activity, or for the private benefit of either
14 the legislator, legislative employee, or another person; this paragraph does not prohibit

15 (A) limited use of state property and resources for personal
16 purposes if the use does not interfere with the performance of public duties and
17 either the cost or value related to the use is nominal or the legislator or
18 legislative employee reimburses the state for the cost of the use;

19 (B) the use of mailing lists, computer data, or other information
20 lawfully obtained from a government agency and available to the general
21 public for nonlegislative purposes;

22 (C) telephone or facsimile use that does not carry a special
23 charge;

24 (D) the legislative council, notwithstanding AS 24.05.190,
25 from designating a public facility for use by legislators and legislative
26 employees for health or fitness purposes; when the council designates a facility
27 to be used by legislators and legislative employees for health or fitness
28 purposes, it shall adopt guidelines governing access to and use of the facility;
29 the guidelines may establish times in which use of the facility is limited to
30 specific groups; [OR]

31 (E) a legislator from using the legislator's private office in the

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capital city during a legislative session, and for the 10 [FIVE] days immediately before and the 10 [FIVE] days immediately after a legislative session, for nonlegislative purposes if the use does not interfere with the performance of public duties and if there is no cost to the state for the use of the space and equipment, other than utility costs and minimal wear and tear, or the legislator promptly reimburses the state for the cost; an office is considered a legislator's private office under this subparagraph if it is the primary space in the capital city reserved for use by the legislator, whether or not it is shared with others;

(F) a legislator from use of legislative employees to prepare and send out seasonal greeting cards;

(G) a legislator from using state resources to transport computers or other office equipment owned by the legislator but primarily used for a state function;

(H) use by a legislator of photographs of that legislator;

(I) reasonable use of the Internet by a legislator or a legislative employee except if the use is for election campaign purposes;

(J) a legislator from soliciting, accepting, or receiving a gift on behalf of a recognized, nonpolitical charitable organization in a state facility; or *inserted:*

(K) a legislator from sending any communication in the form of a newsletter to the legislator's constituents, except a communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a candidate;

(3) knowingly seek, accept, use, allocate, grant, or award public funds for a purpose other than that approved by law, or make a false statement in connection with a claim, request, or application for compensation, reimbursement, or travel allowances from public funds;

(4) require a legislative employee to perform services for the private benefit of the legislator or employee at any time, or allow a legislative employee to perform services for the private benefit of a legislator or employee on government time; it is not a violation of this paragraph if the services were performed in an

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1 unusual or infrequent situation and the person's services were reasonably necessary to
2 permit the legislator or legislative employee to perform official duties;

3 (5) use or authorize the use of state funds, facilities, equipment,
4 services, or another government asset or resource for the purpose of political fund
5 raising or campaigning; this paragraph does not prohibit

6 (A) limited use of state property and resources for personal
7 purposes if the use does not interfere with the performance of public duties and
8 either the cost or value related to the use is nominal or the legislator or
9 legislative employee reimburses the state for the cost of the use;

10 (B) the use of mailing lists, computer data, or other information
11 lawfully obtained from a government agency and available to the general
12 public for nonlegislative purposes;

13 (C) telephone or facsimile use that does not carry a special
14 charge;

15 (D) storing or maintaining, consistent with (b) of this section,
16 election campaign records in a legislator's office; [OR]

17 (E) a legislator from using the legislator's private office in the
18 capital city during a legislative session, and for the 10 [FIVE] days
19 immediately before and the 10 [FIVE] days immediately after a legislative
20 session, for nonlegislative purposes if the use does not interfere with the
21 performance of public duties and if there is no cost to the state for the use of
22 the space and equipment, other than utility costs and minimal wear and tear, or
23 the legislator promptly reimburses the state for the cost; an office is considered
24 a legislator's private office under this subparagraph if it is the primary space in
25 the capital city reserved for use by the legislator, whether or not it is shared
26 with others;

27 (F) use by a legislator of photographs of that legislator; or

28 (G) use of governmental resources by a legislator or
29 legislative employee to support or oppose a proposed amendment to the
30 state or federal constitution; a legislator or legislative employee may
31 support or oppose a proposed constitutional amendment; however, a

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legislator or legislative employee may not use governmental resources to
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solicit or receive contributions for a proposed constitutional amendment.

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* Sec. 8. AS 24.60.080(c) is amended to read:

(c) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, it is not a violation of this section for a legislator or legislative employee to accept

(1) hospitality, other than hospitality described in (4) of this subsection,

(A) with incidental transportation at the residence of a person; however, a vacation home located outside the state is not considered a residence for the purposes of this subparagraph; or

(B) at a social event or meal;

(2) discounts that are available

(A) generally to the public or to a large class of persons to which the person belongs; or

(B) when on official state business, but only if receipt of the discount benefits the state;

(3) food or foodstuffs indigenous to the state that are shared generally as a cultural or social norm;

(4) travel and hospitality primarily for the purpose of obtaining information on matters of legislative concern;

(5) gifts from the immediate family of the person;

(6) gifts that are not connected with the recipient's legislative status;

(7) a discount for all or part of a legislative session, including time immediately preceding or following the session, or other gift to welcome a legislator or legislative employee who is employed on the personal staff of a legislator or by a standing or special committee to the capital city or in recognition of the beginning of a legislative session if the gift or discount is available generally to all legislators and the personal staff of legislators and staff of standing and special committees; this paragraph does not apply to legislative employees who are employed by the Legislative Affairs Agency, the office of the chief clerk, the office of the senate secretary, the legislative budget and audit committee, or the office of the ombudsman;

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1 [OR]

2 (8) a gift of legal services in a matter of legislative concern and a gift
3 of other services related to the provision of legal services in a matter of legislative
4 concern; or

5 (9) a gift of transportation from a legislator to a legislator if the
6 transportation takes place in the state on or in an aircraft, boat, motor vehicle, or
7 other means of transport owned or under the control of the donor; this
8 paragraph does not apply to travel described in (4) of this subsection or travel for
9 political campaign purposes.

10 * Sec. 9. AS 15.13.116(d) is repealed.

11 * Sec. 10. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
12 read:

13 TRANSITIONAL PROVISION. A candidate for the state legislature who was elected
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15 office expense term account reserve shall transfer those funds to a public office expense term
16 account before January 1, 2002.

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE # 5
Amendment Number: # 5
Bill Number: SB 103
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AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR DONLEY

TO: CSSB 103(FIN), Draft Version "U"

1 Page 6, line 13, following "candidate":

2 Insert "or a newsletter or material in a newsletter that is clearly only for the
3 private benefit of a legislator or a legislative employee"

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5 Page 8, line 23, following "candidate":

6 Insert "or a newsletter or material in a newsletter that is clearly only for the
7 private benefit of a legislator or a legislative employee"

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 103(FIN)
 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
 TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
 Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to election campaigns and legislative ethics."

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

3 * Section 1. AS 15.13.050(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) If a group intends to support only one candidate [,] or to contribute to or
 5 expend on behalf of one candidate 33 1/3 percent or more of its funds, the name of the
 6 candidate shall be a part of the name of the group. If the group intends to oppose only
 7 one candidate [,] or to contribute its funds in opposition to or make expenditures in
 8 opposition to a candidate, the group's name must clearly state that it opposes that
 9 candidate by using a word such as "opposes," "opposing," "in opposition to," or
 10 "against" in the group's name. Promptly upon receiving the registration, the
 11 commission shall notify the candidate of the group's organization and intent. A
 12 candidate may register more than one group to support the candidate; however,
 13 multiple groups controlled by a single candidate shall be treated as a single group
 14 for purposes of the contribution limit in AS 15.13.070(b)(1).

15 * Sec. 2. AS 15.13.116(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) A candidate who, after the date of the general, special, municipal, or
2 municipal runoff election or after the date the candidate withdraws as a candidate,
3 whichever comes first, holds unused campaign contributions shall distribute the
4 amount held within 90 days. The distribution may only be made to

5 (1) pay bills incurred for expenditures reasonably related to the
6 campaign and the winding up of the affairs of the campaign, including a victory or
7 thank you party, thank you advertisements, and thank you gifts to campaign
8 employees and volunteers, and to pay expenditures associated with post-election fund
9 raising that may be needed to raise funds to pay off campaign debts;

10 (2) make donations, without condition, to

11 (A) a political party;

12 (B) the state's general fund;

13 (C) a municipality of the state; or

14 (D) the federal government;

15 (3) make donations, without condition, to organizations qualified as
16 charitable organizations under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3), provided the organization is not
17 controlled by the candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family;

18 (4) repay loans from the candidate to the candidate's own campaign
19 under AS 15.13.078(b);

20 (5) repay contributions to contributors, but only if repayment of the
21 contribution is made pro rata in approximate proportion to the contributions made
22 using one of the following, as the candidate determines:

23 (A) to all contributors;

24 (B) to contributors who have contributed most recently; or

25 (C) to contributors who have made larger contributions;

26 (6) establish a fund for, and from that fund to pay, attorney fees or
27 costs incurred in the prosecution or defense of an administrative or civil judicial action
28 that directly concerns a challenge to the victory or defeat of the candidate in the
29 election;

30 (7) transfer all or a portion of the unused campaign contributions to an
31 account for a future election campaign; a transfer under this paragraph is limited to

1 (A) \$50,000, if the transfer is made by a candidate for governor
2 or lieutenant governor;

3 (B) \$10,000, if the transfer is made by a candidate for the state
4 senate;

5 (C) \$5,000, if the transfer is made by a candidate for the state
6 house of representatives; and

7 (D) \$5,000, if the transfer is made by a candidate for an office
8 not described in (A) - (C) of this paragraph;

9 (8) transfer all or a portion of the unused campaign contributions to a
10 public office expense term account [OR TO A PUBLIC OFFICE EXPENSE TERM
11 ACCOUNT RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH (d) OF THIS SECTION]; a
12 transfer under this paragraph is subject to the following:

13 (A) the authority to transfer is limited to candidates who are
14 elected to the state legislature;

15 (B) the public office expense term account established under
16 this paragraph may be used only for expenses associated with the candidate's
17 serving as a member of the legislature;

18 (C) all amounts expended from the public office expense term
19 account shall be annually accounted for under AS 15.13.110(a)(4); [AND]

20 (D) a transfer under this paragraph is limited to \$10,000 for a
21 candidate for the house of representatives and \$20,000 for a candidate for
22 the senate; and

23 (E) at the end of the candidate's term of office, a balance in
24 the public office expense term account must be disposed of as provided in
25 this subsection but may not be disposed of as provided in (1), (4), or (6) -
26 (9) of this subsection [\$5,000 MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF YEARS
27 IN THE TERM TO WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS ELECTED]; and

28 (9) transfer all or a portion of the unused campaign contributions to a
29 municipal office account; a transfer under this paragraph is subject to the following:

30 (A) the authority to transfer is limited to candidates who are
31 elected to municipal office, including a municipal school board;

1 (B) the municipal office account established under this
2 paragraph may be used only for expenses associated with the candidate's
3 serving as mayor or as a member of the assembly, city council, or school
4 board;

5 (C) all amounts expended from the municipal office account
6 shall be annually accounted for under AS 15.13.110(a)(4); and

7 (D) a transfer under this paragraph is limited to \$5,000.

8 * Sec. 3. AS 15.13.116(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) After a general, special, municipal, or municipal runoff election, a
10 candidate may retain the ownership of one computer and one printer and of personal
11 property, except money, that was acquired by and for use in the campaign. The
12 current fair market value of the property retained, exclusive of the computer and
13 printer, may not exceed \$5,000 [\$2,500]. All other property shall be disposed of, or
14 sold and the sale proceeds disposed of, in accordance with (a) or (c) of this section.
15 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,

16 (1) a candidate may (A) [(1)] retain a bulk mailing permit that was
17 paid for with campaign funds, and (B) [(2)] use personal funds, campaign funds, or
18 unused campaign contributions transferred to a public office expense term account
19 under (a)(8) of this section to pay the continuing charges for the permit after the
20 election; money [. MONEY] used to continue the life of the permit is not considered
21 to be a contribution under this chapter; in [. IN] addition to any other use permitted
22 under this chapter, during the candidate's term of office, the candidate may use the
23 bulk mailing permit for mailings associated with service in the office to which the
24 candidate was elected; during [. DURING] the candidate's term of office, if the
25 candidate files a declaration of candidacy or the document necessary to permit the
26 candidate to incur election-related expenses under AS 15.13.100 [A LETTER OF
27 INTENT TO BECOME A CANDIDATE] for the same or a different elective office,
28 the candidate may also use the bulk mailing permit in that election campaign;

29 (2) a candidate may retain campaign photographs and use the
30 photographs for any purpose associated with service in the office to which the
31 candidate was elected;

1 (3) a candidate may retain seasonal greeting cards purchased with
 2 campaign funds; and

3 (4) campaign signs prepared for an election that has already taken
 4 place have no monetary value and may be retained or disposed of at the
 5 candidate's discretion.

6 * Sec. 4. AS 15.13.145(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) Money held by an entity identified in (a)(1) - (3) of this section may be
 8 used to influence the outcome of an election concerning a ballot proposition or
 9 question if the use is permitted under AS 24.60.030(a)(5)(G) or [, BUT ONLY] if
 10 the funds have been specifically appropriated for that purpose by a state law or a
 11 municipal ordinance.

12 * Sec. 5. AS 15.13.400(3) is amended to read:

13 (3) "contribution"

14 (A) means a purchase, payment, promise or obligation to pay,
 15 loan or loan guarantee, deposit or gift of money, goods, or services for which
 16 charge is ordinarily made and that is made for the purpose of influencing the
 17 nomination or election of a candidate, and in AS 15.13.010(b) for the purpose
 18 of influencing a ballot proposition or question, including the payment by a
 19 person other than a candidate or political party, or compensation for the
 20 personal services of another person, that are rendered to the candidate or
 21 political party;

22 (B) does not include

23 (i) services provided without compensation by
 24 individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a
 25 political party, candidate, or ballot proposition or question, but it does
 26 include professional services, other than legal or accounting services,
 27 volunteered by individuals for which they ordinarily would be paid a
 28 fee or wage;

29 (ii) [SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN ACCOUNTANT
 30 OR OTHER PERSON TO PREPARE REPORTS AND
 31 STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY THIS CHAPTER; OR

1 (iii)] ordinary hospitality in a home;

2 (iii) two or fewer mass mailings before each election
 3 by each political party describing the party's slate of candidates for
 4 election, which may include photographs, biographies, and
 5 information about the party's candidates;

6 (iv) the results of a poll limited to issues and not
 7 mentioning any candidate, unless the poll was requested by or
 8 designed primarily to benefit the candidate or provided by an
 9 individual required to register as a lobbyist under AS 24.45; or

10 (v) any communication in the form of a newsletter
 11 from a legislator to the legislator's constituents, except a
 12 communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a
 13 candidate or a newsletter or material in a newsletter that is clearly
 14 only for the private benefit of a legislator or a legislative employee;

15 * Sec. 6. AS 15.13.400(4) is amended to read:

16 (4) "expenditure"

17 (A) means a purchase or a transfer of money or anything of
 18 value, or promise or agreement to purchase or transfer money or anything of
 19 value, incurred or made for the purpose of

20 (i) influencing the nomination or election of a candidate
 21 or of any individual who files for nomination at a later date and
 22 becomes a candidate;

23 (ii) use by a political party;

24 (iii) the payment by a person other than a candidate or
 25 political party of compensation for the personal services of another
 26 person that are rendered to a candidate or political party; or

27 (iv) influencing the outcome of a ballot proposition or
 28 question;

29 (B) does not include

30 (i) a candidate's filing fee or the cost of preparing
 31 reports and statements required by this chapter; or

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1 (ii) communications with a value of \$500 or less on
 2 any subject made by a corporation to its stockholders and
 3 employees and their families or by a nonprofit corporation, labor
 4 organization, or unincorporated business or trade association to its
 5 employees and members and their families;

6 * Sec. 7. AS 24.60.030(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) A legislator or legislative employee may not

8 (1) solicit, agree to accept, or accept a benefit other than official
 9 compensation for the performance of public duties; this paragraph may not be
 10 construed to prohibit lawful solicitation for and acceptance of campaign contributions
 11 or the acceptance of a lawful gratuity under AS 24.60.080;

12 (2) use public funds, facilities, equipment, services, or another
 13 government asset or resource for a nonlegislative purpose, for involvement in or
 14 support of or opposition to partisan political activity, or for the private benefit of either
 15 the legislator, legislative employee, or another person; this paragraph does not prohibit

16 (A) limited use of state property and resources for personal
 17 purposes if the use does not interfere with the performance of public duties and
 18 either the cost or value related to the use is nominal or the legislator or
 19 legislative employee reimburses the state for the cost of the use;

20 (B) the use of mailing lists, computer data, or other information
 21 lawfully obtained from a government agency and available to the general
 22 public for nonlegislative purposes;

23 (C) telephone or facsimile use that does not carry a special
 24 charge;

25 (D) the legislative council, notwithstanding AS 24.05.190,
 26 from designating a public facility for use by legislators and legislative
 27 employees for health or fitness purposes; when the council designates a facility
 28 to be used by legislators and legislative employees for health or fitness
 29 purposes, it shall adopt guidelines governing access to and use of the facility;
 30 the guidelines may establish times in which use of the facility is limited to
 31 specific groups; [OR]

1 (E) a legislator from using the legislator's private office in the
 2 capital city during a legislative session, and for the 10 [FIVE] days
 3 immediately before and the 10 [FIVE] days immediately after a legislative
 4 session, for nonlegislative purposes if the use does not interfere with the
 5 performance of public duties and if there is no cost to the state for the use of
 6 the space and equipment, other than utility costs and minimal wear and tear, or
 7 the legislator promptly reimburses the state for the cost; an office is considered
 8 a legislator's private office under this subparagraph if it is the primary space in
 9 the capital city reserved for use by the legislator, whether or not it is shared
 10 with others;

11 (F) a legislator from use of legislative employees to prepare
 12 and send out seasonal greeting cards;

13 (G) a legislator from using state resources to transport
 14 computers or other office equipment owned by the legislator but primarily
 15 used for a state function;

16 (H) use by a legislator of photographs of that legislator;

17 (I) reasonable use of the Internet by a legislator or a
 18 legislative employee except if the use is for election campaign purposes;

19 (J) a legislator from soliciting, accepting, or receiving a gift
 20 on behalf of a recognized, nonpolitical charitable organization in a state
 21 facility; or

22 (K) a legislator from sending any communication in the
 23 form of a newsletter to the legislator's constituents, except a
 24 communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a candidate
 25 or a newsletter or material in a newsletter that is clearly only for the
 26 private benefit of a legislator or a legislative employee;

27 (3) knowingly seek, accept, use, allocate, grant, or award public funds
 28 for a purpose other than that approved by law, or make a false statement in connection
 29 with a claim, request, or application for compensation, reimbursement, or travel
 30 allowances from public funds;

31 (4) require a legislative employee to perform services for the private

1 benefit of the legislator or employee at any time, or allow a legislative employee to
 2 perform services for the private benefit of a legislator or employee on government
 3 time; it is not a violation of this paragraph if the services were performed in an
 4 unusual or infrequent situation and the person's services were reasonably necessary to
 5 permit the legislator or legislative employee to perform official duties;

6 (5) use or authorize the use of state funds, facilities, equipment,
 7 services, or another government asset or resource for the purpose of political fund
 8 raising or campaigning; this paragraph does not prohibit

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 14 lawfully obtained from a government agency and available to the general
 15 public for nonlegislative purposes;

16 (C) telephone or facsimile use that does not carry a special
 17 charge;

18 (D) storing or maintaining, consistent with (b) of this section,
 19 election campaign records in a legislator's office; [OR]

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7 concern; or

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10 other means of transport owned or under the control of the donor; this
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14 * **Sec. 10.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
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16 TRANSITIONAL PROVISION. A candidate for the state legislature who was elected
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MEMORANDUM

March 21, 2001

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of Campaign Finance and Legislative Ethics,
Senate Bill 103(JUD) (Work Order No. 22-LS0148/W)

TO: Senator Gene Therriault
Attn: Joe Balash

FROM: Kathryn L. Kurtz *KK*
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. Permits candidates to register multiple groups to support them but specifies that all groups controlled by a single candidate be treated as a single group for purposes of the contribution limit in AS 15.13.070(b)(1).

Section 2. Adds thank you advertisements as a permissible use of unused campaign funds. Eliminates transfers of leftover campaign funds to public office expense term account reserves, but retains provision allowing transfers to public office expense term (POET) accounts. Limits transfers to POET accounts to \$10,000 for candidates for the house of representatives and \$20,000 for candidates for the senate. Requires that funds left in a POET account at the end of a candidate's term of office be disposed of by donating them to a political party, the state's general fund, a municipality, the federal government, or a 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) charitable organization, or by repaying contributions to contributors.

Section 3. Increases the total value of personal property which may be retained by a candidate after a campaign from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Specifies that campaign photographs and seasonal greeting cards may be retained and used. Provides that campaign signs prepared for an election that has already taken place have no monetary value.

Section 4. Amends AS 15.13.145(b), which restricts use of state money for influencing the outcome of elections, to reflect the change in section 6 of this bill permitting

legislators and legislative employees to use governmental resources to support or oppose a proposed amendment to the state or federal constitution.

Section 5. Excludes from the definition of campaign contribution: (a) services provided by volunteers to political parties, including professional services, (b) two or fewer mass mailings by each political party before each election, and (c) certain poll results.

Section 6. Excludes from the definition of expenditure communications with a value of \$500 or less made by a corporation to its stockholders and employees and their families, or by a nonprofit corporation, labor organization, or business or trade association to its employees and members and their families.

Section 7. Adds new exceptions to and clarifies the prohibition on use of public assets and resources by legislators and legislative employees for nonlegislative purposes, including: use of staff to prepare and send out seasonal greeting cards, transporting computers or other office equipment owned by a legislator but used primarily for a state function, use of photographs of legislators, reasonable use of the Internet except for election campaign purposes, and solicitation and acceptance in state facilities of donations to recognized non-political charitable organizations. Increases the period before and after session during which legislators may use their private office in Juneau for nonlegislative purposes from five days to ten days.

Also adds a number of exceptions to and clarifies the prohibition on use of public assets and resources for certain previously prohibited political uses, including: use of photographs, and support or opposition of constitutional amendments (but not to solicit contributions for a proposed constitutional amendment). Increases the period before and after session during which legislators may use their private office in Juneau for nonlegislative purposes from five days to ten days.

Section 8. Repeals AS 15.13.116(d), the section providing for POET reserve accounts.

Section 9. Transitional provision requiring candidates elected before the effective date of the act to transfer any funds held in a POET reserve account to a POET account before January 1, 2002.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/28/01

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 3-12-01

Judiciary Committee considered **SENATE BILL NO. 103**
ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

"An Act relating to election campaigns and legislative ethics; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with CS SB103 (JUD)
- adopt previous CS ()
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by Committee
- further referral to Committee

- Senate Bill:**
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- House Bill:**
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**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 2/20/01

FURTHER: Judiciary

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State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 103

"An Act relating to [election campaigns and legislative ethics] and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS SB 103 (STA)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

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| <i>Bill & ...</i> | | | ✓ | |
| <i>Deane</i> | | | ✓ | |
| <i>Betty Davis</i> | | | ✓ | |
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| CHAIR: <i>Carly Herrault</i> | ✓ | | | |

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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SB 103-ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

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NAME: Brooke Miles Subject/Bill No: _____
Co./Dept./Title: APOC Phone: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

ON
LINE

NAME: Susie Barnett Subject/Bill No: _____
Co./Dept./Title: Legislative Ethics Phone: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: _____ Subject/Bill No: _____
Co./Dept./Title: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____

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