

**SB**

**1999**

**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT  
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 1/16/08

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: \_\_\_\_\_  
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 03/20/08

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 199

**SB 199 CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMPLAINTS**

"An Act extending the statute of limitations for the filing of complaints with the Alaska Public Offices Commission involving state election campaigns."

and recommends:

- be replaced with  SCS or  CS \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- adopt previous  SCS or  CS \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

<b>SENATE BILL:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Same Title
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<b>HOUSE BILL:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Same Title
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Title Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Title w/ SCR # _____

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
Admin	3/17/08	✓			
Law	3/14/08	✓			

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	French	x			
	Green	x			
	Bundo	✓		✓	
	McInerney	✓			
CHAIR:	McInerney	✓			

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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Bill Version: SB 199  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: "An Act extending the statute of limitations for the filing of  
complaints with the Alaska Public Offices Commission..." RDU: AK Public Offices Commission  
Sponsor: Senator Therriault Component: AK Public Offices Commission  
Requester: Senate State Affairs Component Number: 70

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required		Information				
	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services	156.0	0.0	156.0	156.0	156.0	156.0	156.0
Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contractual	14.5	0.0	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5
Supplies	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Equipment	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants & Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>174.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>171.2</b>	<b>171.2</b>	<b>171.2</b>	<b>171.2</b>	<b>171.2</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>							
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1003 GF Match	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1004 GF	174.3	0.0	171.2	171.2	171.2	171.2	171.2
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Interagency Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>174.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>171.2</b>	<b>171.2</b>	<b>171.2</b>	<b>171.2</b>	<b>171.2</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	2.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Part-time	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Temporary	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill will expand the statute of limitations for filing complaints under the campaign disclosure law.

The increased auditing and enforcement would require the addition of an investigator position, a paralegal position, and associated costs. Investigations into allegations of violations that occurred in the past are complex.

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Division: Alaska Public Offices Commission Date/Time 3/17/08 2:00 P.M.  
Approved by: Rachael Petro, Deputy Commissioner Date 3/17/2008  
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 Sponsor SENATOR(S) THERRIault  
 Requester SENATE STATE AFFAIRS Component Number 2718

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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	Appropriation Required		Information				
	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services	85.9	0.0	85.9	85.9	85.9	85.9	85.9
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>85.9</b>

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1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	85.9	0.0	85.9	85.9	85.9	85.9	85.9
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>85.9</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

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Full-time	0.5	0.00	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Part-time							
Temporary							

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

By expanding the time period for the consideration of campaign finance law violations by the Alaska Public Offices Commission from one to four years, this legislation should increase significantly the number of complaints and investigations that the Commission handles. The resulting increase in Commission workload will significantly increase the Department's time advising the staff and the Commission. The Civil Division is requesting one-half attorney IV position to handle this increased case load. Cost of 1/2 time attorney calculated at the Department's Statewide billing rate of \$116.50 per hour times billable hours of 1,475 per year per attorney and covers all associated operational overhead. [1/2 x \$116.50 x 1,475 = \$85,918]

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 Approved by: Talis Colberg, Attorney General  
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**Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 199**  
**Sponsor: Senator Gene Therriault**

**Contact: Heather Brakes, 465-4797**

**Short Title: Campaign Finance Complaints**

**Summary:**

- Lengthens the statute of limitations on campaign violations from one year to four years.
- Allows the Alaska Public Offices Commission to investigate alleged violations that may have occurred four years prior to the date of the complaint.
- Applies to violations occurring after the effective date of the bill.

**Benefits:**

- APOC is currently held to a one year statute of limitations for certain campaign violations. This legislation would allow that time frame to be expanded to cover a four year period.

**Background:**

- In some cases one year can be an insufficient period of time to detect and report violations of the extensive Alaska State campaign laws. With recent heightened concern over ethical violations of elected officials, this legislation provides more time for concerned citizens or the Alaska Public Offices Commission to detect, investigate and report violations.

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