

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 157(FIN)

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BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES RASMUSSEN, Kreiss-Tomkins, Schrage, Merrick, LeBon, Josephson, Hopkins, Story, Tarr

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring the disclosure of the identity of certain persons, groups, and**
2 **nongroup entities that expend money in support of or in opposition to an application**
3 **filed for a state referendum or recall election; relating to political contributions; relating**
4 **to the location of offices for the Alaska Public Offices Commission and the locations at**
5 **which certain statements and reports filed with the commission are made available;**
6 **clarifying the limits on making, accepting, and reporting certain cash campaign**
7 **contributions; relating to campaign finance reporting by certain groups; changing the**
8 **date a legislator is required to report certain campaign contributions and expenditures;**
9 **increasing the time the Alaska Public Offices Commission has to respond to a request**
10 **for an advisory opinion; relating to penalties assessed for campaign finance violations;**
11 **relating to complaints alleging campaign finance violations; repealing a reporting**
12 **requirement for certain contributions; relating to contribution limits and recall**

1 campaigns; relating to campaign signs on private property; relating to the reporting of
 2 financial and business interests by municipal officers, former municipal officers, and
 3 candidates for municipal office; relating to reporting of contributions made after the
 4 date of the election by a candidate for the legislature; and providing for an effective
 5 date."

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

7 * **Section 1.** AS 15.13.010(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) Except as otherwise provided, this chapter applies to contributions,
 9 expenditures, and communications made **to influence the nomination or election of**
 10 **a candidate or** for the purpose of

11 **(1) influencing the outcome of a ballot proposition or question; or**

12 **(2) supporting or opposing**

13 **(A) an initiative proposal application filed under**
 14 **AS 15.45.020;**

15 **(B) a referendum application filed under AS 15.45.260; or**

16 **(C) a recall application filed under AS 15.45.480** [AS WELL

17 AS THOSE MADE TO INFLUENCE THE NOMINATION OR ELECTION
 18 OF A CANDIDATE].

19 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.13.020(j) is amended to read:

20 (j) The commission shall establish **offices** [AN OFFICE, WHICH MAY BE
 21 CALLED A REGIONAL OFFICE, IN EACH SENATE DISTRICT IN THE STATE]
 22 to keep on file for public inspection copies of all reports filed with the commission
 23 [BY CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE AND BY CANDIDATES FOR
 24 LEGISLATIVE OFFICE IN THAT DISTRICT; HOWEVER, WHERE ONE
 25 MUNICIPALITY CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE HOUSE DISTRICT, ONLY
 26 ONE COMMISSION OFFICE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN THAT
 27 MUNICIPALITY. THE REGIONAL OFFICE SHALL MAKE ALL FORMS AND
 28 PERTINENT MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO CANDIDATES. ALL REPORTS
 29 SHALL BE FILED BY CANDIDATES, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS

1 DIRECTLY WITH THE COMMISSION'S CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICE. THE
 2 COMMISSION SHALL ENSURE THAT COPIES OF ALL REPORTS BY
 3 STATEWIDE AND LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES IN EACH SENATE DISTRICT
 4 ARE FORWARDED PROMPTLY TO THAT DISTRICT OR REGIONAL OFFICE].

5 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.13.040(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) Each group shall make a full report **on** [UPON] a form prescribed by the
 7 commission, listing

8 (1) the name and address of each officer and director;

9 (2) the aggregate amount of all contributions made to it; and, for all
 10 contributions in excess of \$100 in the aggregate **in a calendar** year, the name, address,
 11 principal occupation, and employer of the contributor, and the date and amount
 12 contributed by each contributor; for purposes of this paragraph, "contributor" means
 13 the true source of the funds, property, or services being contributed; and

14 (3) the date and amount of all contributions made by it and all
 15 expenditures made, incurred, or authorized by it.

16 * **Sec. 4.** AS 15.13.050(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) Before making an expenditure in support of or in opposition to a candidate
 18 or before making an expenditure in support of or in opposition to a ballot proposition
 19 or question or to an initiative proposal application filed [WITH THE LIEUTENANT
 20 GOVERNOR] under AS 15.45.020, **a referendum application filed under**
 21 **AS 15.45.260, or a recall application filed under AS 15.45.480,** each person other
 22 than an individual shall register, on forms provided by the commission, with the
 23 commission.

24 * **Sec. 5.** AS 15.13.065(c) is amended to read:

25 (c) Except for reports required by AS 15.13.040 and 15.13.110 and except for
 26 the requirements of AS 15.13.050, 15.13.060, and 15.13.112 - 15.13.114, the
 27 provisions of AS 15.13.010 - 15.13.116 do not apply to limit the authority of a person
 28 to make contributions to influence the outcome of a ballot proposition. In this
 29 subsection, [IN ADDITION TO ITS MEANING IN AS 15.80.010,] "proposition"

30 **(1) includes, in addition to its meaning in AS 15.80.010,**

31 **(A)** [(1)] an issue placed on a ballot to determine whether

- 1 **(i)** [(A)] a constitutional convention shall be called;
- 2 **(ii)** [(B)] a debt shall be contracted;
- 3 **(iii)** [(C)] an advisory question shall be approved or
- 4 rejected; or
- 5 **(iv)** [(D)] a municipality shall be incorporated;
- 6 **(B)** [(2)] an initiative proposal application filed [WITH THE
- 7 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR] under AS 15.45.020; **and**
- 8 **(C) a referendum application filed under AS 15.45.260;**
- 9 **(2) does not include a recall application filed under AS 15.45.480**
- 10 **or a recall question.**

11 * **Sec. 6.** AS 15.13.070(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) **Except as provided in (h) of this section, an** [AN] individual may

13 contribute not more than

14 (1) **\$2,000 each campaign period** [\$500 PER YEAR] to a nongroup

15 entity for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, to a

16 candidate, **or** to an individual who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate [, OR

17 TO A GROUP THAT IS NOT A POLITICAL PARTY];

18 (2) \$5,000 **a** [PER] year to a political party **or other group.**

19 * **Sec. 7.** AS 15.13.070(c) is amended to read:

20 (c) **Except as provided in (h) of this section, a** [A] group that is not a

21 political party may contribute not more than

22 (1) **\$4,000 each campaign period** [\$1,000 PER YEAR (1)] to a

23 candidate, or to an individual who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate;

24 (2) **\$5,000 each year** to another group, to a nongroup entity, or to a

25 political party.

26 * **Sec. 8.** AS 15.13.070(f) is amended to read:

27 (f) **Except as provided in (h) of this section, a** [A] nongroup entity may

28 contribute not more than

29 (1) **\$4,000 each campaign period** [\$1,000 A YEAR] to another

30 nongroup entity for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a

31 candidate, to a candidate, **or** to an individual who conducts a write-in campaign as a

1 candidate;

2 **(2) \$5,000 each year** [,] to a group [,] or to a political party.

3 * **Sec. 9.** AS 15.13.070(g) is amended to read:

4 (g) Where contributions are made to a joint campaign for governor and
5 lieutenant governor,

6 (1) an individual may contribute not more than **\$4,000 each campaign**
7 **period** [\$1,000 PER YEAR]; and

8 (2) a group may contribute not more than **\$8,000 each campaign**
9 **period** [\$2,000 PER YEAR].

10 * **Sec. 10.** AS 15.13.070 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

11 (h) The contribution limits provided under (b)(1), (c)(2), and (f) of this section
12 do not apply to an individual, group, or nongroup entity contributing to a group or
13 nongroup entity that makes only independent expenditures.

14 (i) Beginning in the first quarter of calendar year 2031 and every 10 years
15 thereafter, the commission shall, by regulation, adjust the contribution limitations set
16 out in this section by a percentage equal to the percentage of increase over the
17 preceding 10-year period in all items of the Consumer Price Index for all urban
18 consumers for Anchorage, Alaska, rounded to the nearest \$50 increment.

19 * **Sec. 11.** AS 15.13.072(b) is amended to read:

20 (b) **In a calendar year, a** [A] candidate or an individual who has filed with
21 the commission the document necessary to permit the individual to incur election-
22 related expenses under AS 15.13.100, or a group, may not solicit or accept a cash
23 contribution that exceeds \$100.

24 * **Sec. 12.** AS 15.13.072(e) is amended to read:

25 (e) A candidate or an individual who has filed with the commission the
26 document necessary to permit that individual to incur election-related expenses under
27 AS 15.13.100 may solicit or accept contributions from an individual who is not a
28 resident of the state at the time the contribution is made if the amounts contributed by
29 individuals who are not residents do not exceed

30 (1) **\$80,000 each campaign period** [\$20,000 A CALENDAR YEAR,]
31 if the candidate or individual is seeking the office of governor or lieutenant governor;

1 (2) **\$20,000 each campaign period** [\$5,000 A CALENDAR YEAR,]
 2 if the candidate or individual is seeking the office of state senator;

3 (3) **\$12,000 each campaign period** [\$3,000 A CALENDAR YEAR,]
 4 if the candidate or individual is seeking the office of state representative or municipal
 5 or other office.

6 * **Sec. 13.** AS 15.13.074(e) is amended to read:

7 (e) A person or group may not make a cash contribution that exceeds \$100 **in**
 8 **a calendar year.**

9 * **Sec. 14.** AS 15.13.110(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) Each candidate, group, and nongroup entity shall make a full report in
 11 accordance with AS 15.13.040 for the period ending three days before the due date of
 12 the report and beginning on the last day covered by the most recent previous report. If
 13 the report is a first report, it must cover the period from the beginning of the campaign
 14 to the date three days before the due date of the report. If the report is a report due
 15 February 15, **or a report subject to (m) of this section,** it must cover the period
 16 beginning on the last day covered by the most recent previous report or on the day that
 17 the campaign started, whichever is later, and ending on February 1 of that year. The
 18 report shall be filed

19 (1) 30 days before the election; however, this report is not required if
 20 the deadline for filing a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy is within 30
 21 days of the election;

22 (2) one week before the election;

23 (3) 105 days after a special election; and

24 (4) **except as provided by (m) of this section,** February 15 for
 25 expenditures made and contributions received that were not reported previously,
 26 including, if applicable, all amounts expended from a public office expense term
 27 account established under AS 15.13.116(a)(8) and all amounts expended from a
 28 municipal office account under AS 15.13.116(a)(9), or when expenditures were not
 29 made or contributions were not received during the previous year.

30 * **Sec. 15.** AS 15.13.110(e) is amended to read:

31 (e) A **referendum committee, person, group, or nongroup entity receiving**

1 contributions exceeding \$500 or making expenditures exceeding \$500 in a
 2 calendar year in support of or in opposition to a referendum on the ballot in a
 3 statewide election or a referendum application filed with the lieutenant governor
 4 under AS 15.45.260 shall file a [GROUP FORMED TO SPONSOR A
 5 REFERENDUM OR A RECALL SHALL REPORT 30 DAYS AFTER ITS FIRST
 6 FILING WITH THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. THEREAFTER, EACH GROUP
 7 SHALL] report within 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter on the
 8 contributions received and expenditures made during the preceding calendar quarter
 9 until reports are due under (a) and (b) of this section. If the report is a first report, it
 10 must cover the period beginning the day a referendum application is filed under
 11 AS 15.45.260 and ending three days before the due date of the report.

12 * **Sec. 16.** AS 15.13.110(i) is amended to read:

13 (i) During a campaign period, the commission may not change the manner or
 14 format in which reports required of a candidate under this chapter must be filed. [IN
 15 THIS SUBSECTION, "CAMPAIGN PERIOD" MEANS THE PERIOD BEGINNING
 16 ON THE DATE THAT A CANDIDATE BECOMES ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE
 17 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THIS CHAPTER AND ENDING ON
 18 THE DATE THAT A FINAL REPORT FOR THAT SAME CAMPAIGN MUST BE
 19 FILED.]

20 * **Sec. 17.** AS 15.13.110 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

21 (l) A recall committee, person, group, or nongroup entity receiving
 22 contributions exceeding \$500 or making expenditures exceeding \$500 in a calendar
 23 year in support of or in opposition to the recall of a public official in a statewide
 24 election or a recall application filed with the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.480
 25 shall file a report within 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter on the
 26 contributions received and expenditures made during the preceding calendar quarter
 27 until reports are due under (a) and (b) of this section. If the report is a first report, it
 28 must cover the period beginning the day a recall application is filed under
 29 AS 15.45.480 and ending three days before the due date of the report.

30 (m) Notwithstanding AS 15.13.110(a)(4), a candidate who is serving as a
 31 legislator shall file the report due under AS 15.13.110(a)(4) not later than 15 days after

1 the date of the adjournment of the regular legislative session.

2 (n) A candidate for the legislature shall report each contribution exceeding
3 \$500 that is made on or after the date of the election to the commission by date,
4 amount, and contributor within seven days after the candidate, campaign treasurer, or
5 deputy campaign treasurer receives the contribution.

6 * **Sec. 18.** AS 15.13.374(c) is amended to read:

7 (c) Within seven **business** days after receiving a request satisfying the
8 requirements of (b) of this section, the executive director of the commission shall
9 recommend a draft advisory opinion for the commission to consider at its next
10 meeting.

11 * **Sec. 19.** AS 15.13.380(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) A person who believes a violation of this chapter or a regulation adopted
13 under this chapter has occurred or is occurring may file an administrative complaint
14 with the commission within **two** [FIVE] years after the date of the alleged violation. If
15 a member of the commission has filed the complaint, that member may not participate
16 as a commissioner in any proceeding of the commission with respect to the complaint.
17 The commission may consider a complaint on an expedited basis or a regular basis.

18 * **Sec. 20.** AS 15.13.390(a) is amended to read:

19 (a) **Subject to (e) of this section, a** [A] person who

20 (1) fails to register when required by AS 15.13.050(a) or who fails to
21 file a properly completed and certified report within the time required by
22 AS 15.13.040, 15.13.060(b) - (d), 15.13.110(a)(1), (3), or (4), (e), or (f) is subject to a
23 civil penalty of not more than \$50 a day for each day the delinquency continues as
24 determined by the commission subject to right of appeal to the superior court. A
25 person who fails to file a properly completed and certified report within the time
26 required by AS 15.13.110(a)(2) or 15.13.110(b) is subject to a civil penalty of not
27 more than \$500 a day for each day the delinquency continues as determined by the
28 commission subject to right of appeal to the superior court;

29 (2) whether as a contributor or intermediary, delays in reporting a
30 contribution as required by AS 15.13.040(r) is subject to a civil penalty of not more
31 than \$1,000 a day for each day the delinquency continues as determined by the

1 commission subject to right of appeal to the superior court;

2 (3) whether as a contributor or intermediary, misreports or fails to
3 disclose the true source of a contribution in violation of AS 15.13.040(r) or
4 15.13.074(b) is subject to a civil penalty of not more than the amount of the
5 contribution that is the subject of the misreporting or failure to disclose; upon a
6 showing that the violation was intentional, a civil penalty of not more than three times
7 the amount of the contribution in violation may be imposed; these penalties as
8 determined by the commission are subject to right of appeal to the superior court;

9 (4) violates a provision of this chapter, except as otherwise specified in
10 this section, is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$50 a day for each day the
11 violation continues as determined by the commission, subject to right of appeal to the
12 superior court; and

13 (5) is assessed a civil penalty may submit to the commission an
14 affidavit stating facts in mitigation; however, the imposition of the penalties
15 prescribed in this section or in AS 15.13.380 does not excuse that person from
16 registering or filing reports required by this chapter.

17 * **Sec. 21.** AS 15.13.390(d) is amended to read:

18 (d) When an action has been filed in the superior court under AS 15.13.380,
19 upon proof of the violation, the court shall enter a judgment in the amount of the civil
20 penalty authorized to be collected under [BY (a) OF] this section.

21 * **Sec. 22.** AS 15.13.390(e) is amended to read:

22 (e) If the commission or superior court finds that the violation was

23 **(1)** not a repeat violation or was not part of a series or pattern of
24 violations, was inadvertent, was quickly corrected, and had no adverse effect on
25 another [THE] campaign [OF ANOTHER], the commission or the court may

26 **(A)** [(1)] suspend imposition of the penalties; and

27 **(B)** [(2)] order the penalties set aside if the person does not
28 engage in a similar violation for a period of one year;

29 **(2) inadvertently committed by a candidate, the maximum**
30 **financial penalty the commission or the court may impose may not exceed 20**
31 **percent of the total contributions made to the candidate's campaign.**

1 * **Sec. 23.** AS 15.13.400(4) is amended to read:

2 (4) "contribution"

3 (A) means a purchase, payment, promise or obligation to pay,
4 loan or loan guarantee, deposit or gift of money, goods, or services for which
5 charge is ordinarily made, and includes the payment by a person other than a
6 candidate or political party **or other group**, or compensation for the personal
7 services of another person, that is rendered to the candidate or political party
8 **or other group** [,] and that is made for the purpose of

9 (i) influencing the nomination or election of a
10 candidate;

11 (ii) influencing a ballot proposition or question; or

12 (iii) supporting or opposing an initiative proposal
13 application filed [WITH THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR] under
14 AS 15.45.020, **a referendum application filed under AS 15.45.260,**
15 **or a recall application filed under AS 15.45.480;**

16 (B) does not include

17 (i) services provided without compensation by
18 individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a
19 political party, candidate, or ballot proposition or question;

20 (ii) ordinary hospitality in a home;

21 (iii) two or fewer mass mailings before each election by
22 each political party describing members of the party running as
23 candidates for public office in that election, which may include
24 photographs, biographies, and information about the candidates;

25 (iv) the results of a poll limited to issues and not
26 mentioning any candidate, unless the poll was requested by or designed
27 primarily to benefit the candidate;

28 (v) any communication in the form of a newsletter from
29 a legislator to the legislator's constituents, except a communication
30 expressly advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or a
31 newsletter or material in a newsletter that is clearly only for the private

1 benefit of a legislator or a legislative employee;

2 (vi) a fundraising list provided without compensation
3 by one candidate or political party to a candidate or political party; or

4 (vii) an opportunity to participate in a candidate forum
5 provided to a candidate without compensation to the candidate by
6 another person and for which a candidate is not ordinarily charged;

7 * **Sec. 24.** AS 15.13.400(7) is amended to read:

8 (7) "expenditure"

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

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

15 (ii) use by a political party;

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

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

21 (v) supporting or opposing an initiative proposal
22 application filed [WITH THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR] under
23 AS 15.45.020, **a referendum application filed under AS 15.45.260,**
24 **or a recall application filed under AS 15.45.480;**

25 (B) does not include a candidate's filing fee or the cost of
26 preparing reports and statements required by this chapter;

27 (C) includes an express communication and an electioneering
28 communication, but does not include an issues communication;

29 * **Sec. 25.** AS 15.13.400(9) is amended to read:

30 (9) "group" means

31 (A) every state and regional executive committee of a political

1 party;

2 (B) any combination of two or more individuals acting jointly
 3 who organize for the principal purpose of influencing the outcome of one or
 4 more elections and who take action the major purpose of which is to influence
 5 the outcome of an election; a group that makes expenditures or receives
 6 contributions with the authorization or consent, express or implied, or under
 7 the control, direct or indirect, of a candidate shall be considered to be
 8 controlled by that candidate; a group whose major purpose is to further the
 9 nomination, election, or candidacy of only one individual, or intends to expend
 10 more than 50 percent of its money on a single candidate, shall be considered to
 11 be controlled by that candidate and its actions done with the candidate's
 12 knowledge and consent unless, within 10 days from the date the candidate
 13 learns of the existence of the group the candidate files with the commission, on
 14 a form provided by the commission, an affidavit that the group is operating
 15 without the candidate's control; a group organized for more than one year
 16 preceding an election and endorsing candidates for more than one office or
 17 more than one political party is presumed not to be controlled by a candidate;
 18 however, a group that contributes more than 50 percent of its money to or on
 19 behalf of one candidate shall be considered to support only one candidate for
 20 purposes of AS 15.13.070, whether or not control of the group has been
 21 disclaimed by the candidate; and

22 (C) any combination of two or more individuals acting jointly
 23 who organize for the principal purpose of filing

24 (i) an initiative proposal application under
 25 AS 15.45.020 or who file an initiative proposal application under
 26 AS 15.45.020;

27 (ii) a referendum application under AS 15.45.260 or
 28 who file a referendum application under AS 15.45.260; or

29 (iii) a recall application under AS 15.45.480 or who
 30 file a recall application under AS 15.45.480;

31 * **Sec. 26.** AS 15.13.400 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

1 (20) "campaign period" means the period beginning on the date that a
 2 candidate becomes eligible to receive campaign contributions under this chapter and
 3 ending on the date that a final report for that same campaign must be filed.

4 * **Sec. 27.** AS 19.25.105(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Outdoor advertising may not be erected or maintained within 660 feet of
 6 the nearest edge of the right-of-way and visible from the main-traveled way of the
 7 interstate, primary, or secondary highways in this state except the following:

8 (1) directional and other official signs and notices **that** [WHICH]
 9 include [, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO,] signs and notices pertaining to natural
 10 wonders, scenic and historic attractions, which are required or authorized by law, and
 11 which shall conform to federal standards for interstate and primary systems;

12 (2) signs, displays, and devices advertising the sale or lease of property
 13 upon which they are located or advertising activities conducted on the property;

14 (3) signs determined by the state, subject to concurrence of the United
 15 States Department of Transportation, to be landmark signs, including signs on farm
 16 structures or natural surfaces of historic or artistic significance, the preservation of
 17 which would be consistent with the provisions of this chapter;

18 (4) directional signs and notices pertaining to schools;

19 (5) advertising on bus benches or bus shelters, and adjacent trash
 20 receptacles, if the state determines that the advertising conforms to local, state, and
 21 federal standards for interstate and primary highways;

22 **(6) temporary political campaign signs not larger than 32 square**
 23 **feet in size displayed on private property if the owner or resident of the property**
 24 **is not being compensated for the display, the sign is not a risk to the public, and**
 25 **the sign is outside of an interstate, primary, or secondary highway right-of-way.**

26 * **Sec. 28.** AS 24.45.091 is amended to read:

27 **Sec. 24.45.091. Publication of reports.** Copies of the statements and reports
 28 filed under this chapter shall be made available to the public at the commission's
 29 **offices and on the commission's Internet website** [CENTRAL OFFICE, THE
 30 OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE
 31 LIBRARY OF THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY, AND AT THE

1 COMMISSION'S DISTRICT OFFICES PRESCRIBED IN AS 15.13.020(j)] as soon
2 as practicable after each reporting period.

3 * **Sec. 29.** AS 24.45.111(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) The commission shall preserve the statements and reports required to be
5 filed under this chapter for a period of six years from the date of filing. Copies [IF
6 THE COMMISSION'S CENTRAL OFFICE IS NOT IN THE STATE CAPITAL,
7 COPIES] of all statements and reports filed under this chapter shall be maintained in
8 the commission's offices and be made available on the commission's Internet
9 website [AN OFFICE ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION IN THE STATE
10 CAPITAL OR IN THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR].

11 * **Sec. 30.** AS 39.50.020(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) A public official, [OR] former public official, or candidate for municipal
13 office [OTHER THAN AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED MUNICIPAL OFFICER]
14 shall file the statement with the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Candidates for the
15 office of governor and lieutenant governor and, if the candidate is not subject to
16 AS 24.60, the legislature shall file the statement under AS 15.25.030. The Alaska
17 Public Offices Commission shall provide copies of the statements filed by
18 municipal [MUNICIPAL] officers, former municipal officers, and candidates for
19 elective municipal office to [SHALL FILE WITH] the applicable municipal clerk or
20 other municipal official designated to receive the statements [THEIR FILING FOR
21 OFFICE]. All statements required to be filed under this chapter are public records.

22 * **Sec. 31.** AS 15.13.040(k) is repealed.

23 * **Sec. 32.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
24 read:

25 APPLICABILITY. (a) This Act applies only to a referendum or recall for which the
26 application is filed with the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.260 or 15.45.480,
27 respectively, on or after the effective date of sec. 1 of this Act.

28 (b) Section 33 of this Act does not apply to a campaign contribution made to
29 influence the outcome of an election that occurred on or before the effective date of sec. 33 of
30 this Act.

31 * **Sec. 33.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2 RETROACTIVITY. AS 15.13.070(b), as amended by sec. 6 of this Act,
3 AS 15.13.070(c), as amended by sec. 7 of this Act, AS 15.13.070(f), as amended by sec. 8 of
4 this Act, AS 15.13.070(g), as amended by sec. 9 of this Act, AS 15.13.070(h), added by sec.
5 10 of this Act, and AS 15.13.400(20), added by sec. 26 of this Act, are retroactive to March 3,
6 2022.

7 * **Sec. 34.** Sections 6 - 10, 12, 16, 26, and 33 of this Act take effect immediately under
8 AS 01.10.070(c).

9 * **Sec. 35.** Except as provided in sec. 34 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2023.