

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 245(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/16/22

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPHSON

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to political contribution limits; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 *** Section 1.** AS 15.13.070(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

4 (b) An individual may contribute to a

5 (1) candidate for the following offices an amount not to exceed:

6 (A) \$1,500 a year, if the election is for governor or lieutenant
7 governor;

8 (B) \$1,000 a year, if the election is for the state senate;

9 (C) \$700 a year, if the election is for the state house of
10 representatives;

11 (D) \$700 a year, if the election is for a

12 (i) delegate to a constitutional convention;

13 (ii) judge seeking retention; or

14 (iii) municipal office;

15 (2) nongroup entity for the purpose of influencing the nomination or

1 election of a candidate, an amount not to exceed \$1,000 a year;

2 (3) group that is not a political party, an amount not to exceed \$1,000 a
3 year; and

4 (4) political party, an amount not to exceed \$5,000 a year.

5 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.13.070(c) is repealed and reenacted to read:

6 (c) Each year, a group that is not a political party may contribute to a
7 candidate, to another group, to a nongroup entity, or to a political party not more than
8 twice the amount an individual is permitted to contribute to the candidate, group,
9 nongroup entity, or political party under (b) of this section.

10 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.13.070(f) is repealed and reenacted to read:

11 (f) Each year, a nongroup entity may contribute to a candidate, to a group, to
12 another nongroup entity, or to a political party not more than twice the amount an
13 individual is permitted to contribute to the candidate, group, nongroup entity, or
14 political party under (b) of this section.

15 * **Sec. 4.** AS 15.13.070(g) is amended to read:

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

18 (1) an individual may contribute not more than \$3,000 a [\$1,000 PER]
19 year; and

20 (2) a group may contribute not more than \$6,000 a [\$2,000 PER] year.

21 * **Sec. 5.** AS 15.13.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

22 (h) Beginning in the first quarter of calendar year 2023 and every two years
23 thereafter, the commission shall, by regulation, adjust the contribution limitations set
24 out in this section by a percentage equal to the percentage of increase over the
25 preceding two-year period in all items of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Alaska,
26 rounded to the nearest \$50 increment. An adjustment takes effect May 1 of an
27 applicable year.

28 * **Sec. 6.** AS 15.13.072(a)(2), 15.13.072(a)(3), 15.13.072(e), 15.13.072(f), and 15.13.072(h)
29 are repealed.

30 * **Sec. 7.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).