

SENATE BILL NO. 155

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI

Introduced: 1/7/22

Referred: Prefiled

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to political contributions; 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 amended to read:

4 (b) An individual may contribute not more than

5 (1) **\$1,000** [\$500] per year to a nongroup entity for the purpose of
6 influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, to a candidate, to an individual
7 who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate, or to a group that is not a political
8 party;

9 (2) \$5,000 per year to a political party.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 15.13.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 (h) Beginning in the first quarter of calendar year 2026 and every four years
12 thereafter, the commission shall, by regulation, adjust the contribution limitations set
13 out in this section by a percentage equal to the percentage of increase over the
14 preceding four-year period in all items of the Consumer Price Index for all urban
15 consumers for Anchorage, Alaska, rounded up to the nearest \$10 increment.

1 * **Sec. 3.** AS 15.13.072(g) is amended to read:

2 (g) **While the legislature is convened in a regular or special legislative**
 3 **session,** [A CANDIDATE OR] an individual who has filed with the commission the
 4 document necessary to permit that individual to incur election-related expenses under
 5 AS 15.13.100 for election or reelection to the office of governor or lieutenant governor
 6 may not solicit or accept a contribution **to be used for the purpose of influencing the**
 7 **outcome of an election under this chapter unless**

8 **(1) it is an election in which the individual is a candidate, either**
 9 **individually or as a part of a joint campaign for governor and lieutenant**
 10 **governor;**

11 **(2) the solicitation or acceptance occurs during the 90 days**
 12 **immediately preceding that election; and**

13 **(3) the solicitation or acceptance occurs in a place other than** [IN]
 14 the capital city **or a municipality in which** [WHILE] the legislature is convened in [A
 15 REGULAR OR] special [LEGISLATIVE] session **if the legislature is convened in a**
 16 **municipality other than the capital city.**

17 * **Sec. 4.** AS 15.13.072(a)(2) and 15.13.072(e) are repealed.

18 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).