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# **Executive Director's Report**

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## APOC Budget Overview

| <b>FY26 Budget</b> | <b>Personnel</b> | <b>Travel</b> | <b>Services</b> | <b>Supplies</b> | <b>Total</b>                   |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
|                    | \$1,174,00       | \$9,000       | \$81,300        | \$8,000         | <b>\$1,272,500<sup>1</sup></b> |

| <b>FY25 Budget Close Out</b> | <b>Personnel</b> | <b>Travel</b> | <b>Services</b>   | <b>Supplies</b> | <b>Total</b>                   |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Starting Balance</b>      | \$1,030,900      | \$9,000       | \$102,000         | \$8,000         | <b>\$1,149,900<sup>2</sup></b> |
| <b>Spent</b>                 | \$930,000        | \$5,800       | \$172,000         | \$7,800         | <b>\$1,159,200<sup>3</sup></b> |
| <b>Close Out Balance</b>     | \$100,900        | \$3,200       | <b>(\$70,000)</b> | \$200           | <b>\$34,300</b>                |

| <b>FY24 Budget Actuals</b>    | <b>Personnel</b> | <b>Travel</b> | <b>Services</b>   | <b>Supplies</b> | <b>Total</b>       |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Starting Balance</b>       | \$1,005,300      | \$9,000       | \$105,700         | \$8,000         | <b>\$1,128,000</b> |
| <b>Spent</b>                  | \$932,200        | \$5,900       | \$162,600         | \$5,600         | <b>\$1,106,300</b> |
| <b>FY24 Close Out Balance</b> | \$73,100         | \$3,100       | <b>(\$56,900)</b> | \$0             | <b>\$21,700</b>    |

This shows the FY26 starting budget, an estimate of FY25 budget closeout, and actuals for FY24. In FY25, the agency is projected to lapse funds (~\$34,000) with approximately ~\$10,000 in uncollected program receipts. The lapsed funds are the result of extended personnel vacancies.

You can see a significant amount had to be transferred from the personnel line to cover a shortfall in contractual costs. The FY26 budget (attached) shows a slight increment to account for annual increases in personnel costs. However, FY26's contractual line has been cut by about 20%. If contractual costs are similar to FY25, this will result in a shortfall of approximately \$90,000.

**Personnel:** FY26 has nine budgeted full-time staff positions. Currently only seven are filled. The LOA2 position since December of 2023 and the campaign disclosure paralegal position since April this year. Given the anticipated services shortfall we will again need to transfer funds from the personnel line which means we will need to continue to hold open the LOA 2 position. It has already been vacant for 18 months and it places it in significant danger of being permanently cut. If or more likely when that happens, the associated funding for the position will also be cut. We will then need to rely on holding other positions vacant.

<sup>1</sup> \$1,106,000 UGF (general funds) + \$166,500 DGF (program receipts) = \$1,272,500

<sup>2</sup> \$989,300 UGF (general funds) + \$160,600 DGF (program receipts) = \$1,149,900

<sup>3</sup> These are projected figures – Close out actuals won't be finalized until later in the fall.

The paralegal position was posted and closed May 8, the day before the Governor announced a hiring freeze. A recruitment waiver was submitted on May 15 but has not seen any movement. Also disheartening, is that although job postings over the past few years have garnered very few viable applicants, this particular posting had 17 applicants.

FY26 will see the deadline for candidates to file for the 2026 state election. 2026 will be a gubernatorial election and may also see another ballot measure aimed at repealing the open primaries and ranked-choice voting. It will be a busy year and having the three positions overseeing campaign disclosure will be critical.

**Travel:** Travel should still cover all costs for Commissioner travel for FY26 in-person meetings and travel for one person, either a Commissioner or staff, to the annual COGEL conference that will be held in Atlanta in December. However, along with the hiring freeze there is also an out-of-state travel freeze. There is a waiver process but given the current climate and the response to our hiring waiver, I am not at all optimistic that it would be approved.

**Contractual:** Includes general contractual fees, overhead costs and chargebacks for centralized services provided by the Department of Administration. This is an area we have little control over. DOA is aware that our current appropriation likely will not cover FY26 costs.

**Component Detail All Funds**  
Department of Administration

**Component:** Alaska Public Offices Commission (70)  
**RDU:** Alaska Public Offices Commission (22)

Non-Formula Component

|                                   | FY2024 Actuals | FY2025 Enrolled | FY2025 Authorized | FY2025 Management Plan | FY2026 Governor Adjusted Base | FY2026 Governor | FY2025 Management Plan vs FY2026 Governor |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 1000 Personal Services            | 932.2          | 1,030.9         | 1,101.7           | 1,122.4                | 1,174.2                       | 1,174.2         | 51.8                                      |
| 2000 Travel                       | 5.9            | 9.0             | 9.0               | 9.0                    | 9.0                           | 9.0             | 0.0                                       |
| 3000 Services                     | 162.6          | 102.0           | 102.0             | 81.3                   | 81.3                          | 81.3            | 0.0                                       |
| 4000 Commodities                  | 5.6            | 8.0             | 8.0               | 8.0                    | 8.0                           | 8.0             | 0.0                                       |
| 5000 Capital Outlay               | 0.0            | 0.0             | 0.0               | 0.0                    | 0.0                           | 0.0             | 0.0                                       |
| 7000 Grants, Benefits             | 0.0            | 0.0             | 0.0               | 0.0                    | 0.0                           | 0.0             | 0.0                                       |
| 8000 Miscellaneous                | 0.0            | 0.0             | 0.0               | 0.0                    | 0.0                           | 0.0             | 0.0                                       |
| <b>Totals</b>                     | <b>1,106.3</b> | <b>1,149.9</b>  | <b>1,220.7</b>    | <b>1,220.7</b>         | <b>1,272.5</b>                | <b>1,272.5</b>  | <b>51.8</b>                               |
| <b>Fund Sources:</b>              |                |                 |                   |                        |                               |                 |   |
| 1004 Gen Fund (UGF)               | 968.2          | 989.3           | 1,057.2           | 1,057.2                | 1,106.0                       | 1,106.0         | 48.8                                      |
| 1005 GF/Prpym (DGF)               | 138.1          | 160.6           | 163.5             | 163.5                  | 166.5                         | 166.5           | 3.0                                       |
| <b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b> | <b>968.2</b>   | <b>989.3</b>    | <b>1,057.2</b>    | <b>1,057.2</b>         | <b>1,106.0</b>                | <b>1,106.0</b>  | <b>48.8</b>                               |
| <b>Designated General (DGF)</b>   | <b>138.1</b>   | <b>160.6</b>    | <b>163.5</b>      | <b>163.5</b>           | <b>166.5</b>                  | <b>166.5</b>    | <b>3.0</b>                                |
| <b>Other Funds</b>                | <b>0.0</b>     | <b>0.0</b>      | <b>0.0</b>        | <b>0.0</b>             | <b>0.0</b>                    | <b>0.0</b>      | <b>0.0</b>                                |
| <b>Federal Funds</b>              | <b>0.0</b>     | <b>0.0</b>      | <b>0.0</b>        | <b>0.0</b>             | <b>0.0</b>                    | <b>0.0</b>      | <b>0.0</b>                                |
| <b>Positions:</b>                 |                |                 |                   |                        |                               |                 |   |
| Permanent Full Time               | 9              | 9               | 9                 | 9                      | 9                             | 9               | 0   |
| Permanent Part Time               | 0              | 0               | 0                 | 0                      | 0                             | 0               | 0   |
| Non Permanent                     | 0              | 0               | 0                 | 0                      | 0                             | 0               | 0   |

**Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions**  
**Department of Administration**

**Component:** Alaska Public Offices Commission (70)  
**RDU:** Alaska Public Offices Commission (22)

| Scenario/Change Record Title   | Trans Type | Totals  | Personal Services | Travel | Services | Commodities | Capital Outlay | Grants, Benefits | Miscellaneous | Positions |                                      |    |
|--|------------|---------|-------------------|--------|----------|-------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|----|
|  |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               | PFT       | PPT                                  | NP |
| ***** Changes From FY2025 Enrolled To FY2025 Authorized *****  |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| FY2025 Enrolled  |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| Enrolled   |            | 1,149.9 | 1,030.9           | 9.0    | 102.0    | 8.0         | 0.0            | 0.0              | 0.0           | 9         | 0                                    | 0  |
| 1004 Gen Fund  |            | 989.3   |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| 1005 GF/Prgm   |            | 160.6   |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| ***** Compensation for Certain State Employees Ch5 SLA2024 (SB259) (Sec2 Ch7 SLA2024 P51 L24 (HB268)) *****  |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| FisNot   |            | 41.4    | 41.4              | 0.0    | 0.0      | 0.0         | 0.0            | 0.0              | 0.0           | 0         | 0                                    | 0  |
| 1004 Gen Fund  |            | 39.7    |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| 1005 GF/Prgm   |            | 1.7     |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| Five percent cost of living adjustment for employees not covered by a collective bargaining unit.: \$41.4  |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| ***** Compensation for Certain State Employees Ch5 SLA2024 (SB259) (Sec2 Ch7 SLA2024 P51 L24 (HB268)) *****  |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| FisNot   |            | 29.4    | 29.4              | 0.0    | 0.0      | 0.0         | 0.0            | 0.0              | 0.0           | 0         | 0                                    | 0  |
| 1004 Gen Fund  |            | 28.2    |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| 1005 GF/Prgm   |            | 1.2     |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| One salary step adjustment for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.: \$29.4   |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| Subtotal   |            | 1,220.7 | 1,101.7           | 9.0    | 102.0    | 8.0         | 0.0            | 0.0              | 0.0           | 9         | 0                                    | 0  |
| ***** Changes From FY2025 Authorized To FY2025 Management Plan *****   |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| Align Authority for Anticipated Expenditures   |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| LIT  |            | 0.0     | 20.7              | 0.0    | -20.7    | 0.0         | 0.0            | 0.0              | 0.0           | 0         | 0                                    | 0  |
| Transfer authority from services to cover anticipated personal services costs. The remaining services authority is sufficient to cover anticipated expenditures. |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| Subtotal   |            | 1,220.7 | 1,122.4           | 9.0    | 81.3     | 8.0         | 0.0            | 0.0              | 0.0           | 9         | 0                                    | 0  |
| ***** Changes From FY2025 Management Plan To FY2026 Governor Adjusted Base *****   |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| FY2026 Salary, Health Insurance, and Retirement Increases  |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| SalAdj   |            | 51.8    | 51.8              | 0.0    | 0.0      | 0.0         | 0.0            | 0.0              | 0.0           | 0         | 0                                    | 0  |
| 1004 Gen Fund  |            | 48.8    |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| 1005 GF/Prgm   |            | 3.0     |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| Salary, health and retirement increases: \$51.8  |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| AlaskaCare increase from \$1908 to \$2030.11 per member per month: \$12.8  |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| FY2026 3% cost of living adjustment for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement: \$28.1   |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |                                      |    |
| FY2026 Governor<br>Department of Administration  |            |         |                   |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           | Released December 12, 2024<br>Page 7 |    |

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|---|---------------|---------|----------------------|--------|----------|-------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|-----|----|
|   |               |         |                      |        |          |             |                |                  |               | PFT       | PPT | NP |
| FY2026 PERS rate adjustment from 26.76% to 28.33%: \$10.9                 |               |         |                      |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |     |    |
|   | Subtotal      | 1,272.5 | 1,174.2              | 9.0    | 81.3     | 8.0         | 0.0            | 0.0              | 0.0           | 9         | 0   | 0  |
| ***** Changes From FY2026 Governor Adjusted Base To FY2026 Governor ***** |               |         |                      |        |          |             |                |                  |               |           |     |    |
|   | Totals        | 1,272.5 | 1,174.2              | 9.0    | 81.3     | 8.0         | 0.0            | 0.0              | 0.0           | 9         | 0   | 0  |

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**APOC PENDING CASES – COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT****June 2025 Commission Meeting**

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>25-06-CD</b>           | <b>Recall Steve Carrington v. No Recall for Palmer Mayor Steve</b> |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING HEARING</b>   |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |  |
| June 11, 2025             | Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order issued                      |
| June 11, 2025             | Staff Report issued  |
| May 20, 2025              | Expedited Consideration Denied                                     |
| May 20, 2025              | Hearing to Consider Request for Expedited Consideration held       |
| May 16, 2025              | Expedited Complaint filed  |

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| <b>25-05-CD</b>           | <b>Randy Ruedrich v. Daniel Volland</b> |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING INVESTIGATION</b>            |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |   |
| February 28, 2025         | Complaint filed                         |

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| <b>25-04-CD</b>           | <b>David Long v. Keep It Alaska and Joel Borgquist</b> |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING INVESTIGATION</b>                           |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |  |
| January 15, 2025          | Complaint filed  |

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| <b>25-03-CD</b>           | <b>David Long v. Keep It Alaska and Joel Borgquist</b> |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING INVESTIGATION</b>                           |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |  |
| January 10, 2025          | Complaint filed  |

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| <b>25-02-CD</b>           | <b>David Long v. Alaska Voter Coalition/John Carr</b> |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING INVESTIGATION</b>                          |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |   |
| January 7, 2025           | Complaint filed                                       |

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| <b>25-01-CD</b>           | <b>Mike Widney v. Kevin McCabe</b>            |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING HEARING</b>                        |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |   |
| June 12, 2025             | Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order issued |
| June 12, 2025             | Staff Report issued                           |
| January 21, 2025          | Response to Complaint filed                   |
| January 2, 2025           | Complaint filed                               |

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| <b>24-13-CD</b>           | <b>Tom Oels v. Robert Carr and Alaska Voter Coalition</b> |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING INVESTIGATION</b>                              |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |   |
| December 27, 2024         | Complaint filed   |

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| <b>24-12-CD</b>           | <b>Michael Alexander v. Kevin McCabe – Expedited</b>               |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING INVESTIGATION</b>                                       |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |  |
| December 31, 2024         | Expedited Consideration Granted/Denied                             |
| December 31, 2024         | Hearing to Consider Request for Expedited Consideration held       |
| December 27, 2024         | Expedited Complaint filed  |
| <b>24-11-CD</b>           | <b>Kevin McCabe v. Michael Alexander</b>                           |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING HEARING</b>   |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |  |
| June 25, 2025             | Commission Hearing   |
| June 11, 2025             | Notice of Hearing & Procedural Order issued                        |
| February 7, 2025          | Staff Report issued  |
| December 3, 2024          | Complaint filed  |
| <b>24-10-CD</b>           | <b>Donald Handeland v. Kelly Merrick</b>                           |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>CLOSED</b>  |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |  |
| February 5, 2025          | PAID IN FULL   |
| January 22, 2025          | Final Oder issued (\$166.50 penalty assessed)                      |
| January 16, 2025          | Commission Hearing   |
| December 20, 2024         | Notice of Hearing & Procedural Order issued                        |
| December 19, 2024         | Staff Report issued  |
| November 21, 2024         | Response to Complaint filed  |
| October 31, 2024          | Complaint filed  |
| <b>24-09-CD</b>           | <b>Stephan St. Clair v. Saima Chase</b>                            |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>CLOSED</b>  |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |  |
| April 15, 2025            | Notice of Referral to AGO issued (non-payment)                     |
| January 27, 2025          | Final Order issued (\$110 penalty assessed)                        |
| January 16, 2025          | Commission Hearing   |
| December 20, 2024         | Notice of Hearing & Procedural Order issued                        |
| December 17, 2024         | Staff Report issued  |
| November 5, 2024          | Response to Complaint filed  |
| October 23, 2024          | Complaint filed  |
| <b>24-08-CD</b>           | <b>907 Initiative v. Families of the Last Frontier – Expedited</b> |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING CONSENT AGREEMENT</b>                                   |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |  |
| October 31, 2024          | Emergency Order issued   |
| October 30, 2024          | Response to Complaint filed  |
| October 30, 2024          | Hearing on the Merits of Complaint held                            |
| October 24, 2024          | Expedited Consideration granted                                    |
| October 24, 2024          | Hearing to Consider Request for Expedited Consideration held       |
| October 24, 2024          | Opposition to Motion for Expedited Consideration filed             |
| October 23, 2024          | Expedited Complaint filed  |

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| <b>24-07-CD</b>           | <b>Caroline Storm v. Craig Johnson</b>      |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>CLOSED</b>                               |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |   |
| February 27, 2025         | PAID IN FULL                                |
| January 27, 2025          | Final Order issued (\$650 penalty assessed) |
| January 16, 2025          | Commission Hearing                          |
| December 31, 2024         | Notice of Hearing & Procedural Order issued |
| December 31, 2024         | Staff Report issued                         |
| October 9, 2024           | Complaint filed                             |

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| <b>24-06-CD</b>           | <b>Donald Handeland v. Kelly Merrick</b>                         |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION</b>                             |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |  |
| February 5, 2025          | PAID IN FULL   |
| January 24, 2025          | Final Order Resolving/Remanding in Part (\$150 penalty assessed) |
| January 16, 2025          | Commission Hearing   |
| December 20, 2024         | Notice of Hearing & Procedural Order issued                      |
| November 15, 2024         | Staff Report issued  |
| October 31, 2024          | Response to Complaint filed                                      |
| October 9, 2024           | Complaint filed  |

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| <b>24-05-CD</b>           | <b>907 Initiative v. David Nelson</b>                                   |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>CLOSED</b>   |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |   |
| February 4, 2025          | PAID IN FULL  |
| January 27, 2025          | Final Order issued (\$2,229.68 penalty assessed, \$1,373.28 forfeiture) |
| January 16, 2025          | Commission Hearing  |
| December 20, 2024         | Notice of Hearing & Procedural Order issued                             |
| October 29, 2024          | Staff Report issued   |
| October 7, 2024           | Response to Complaint filed   |
| September 20, 2024        | Complaint filed   |

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| <b>24-04-CD</b>           | <b>907 Initiative v. Stanley Wright</b>                              |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>CLOSED</b>  |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |  |
| February 4, 2025          | PAID IN FULL   |
| January 27, 2025          | Final Order issued (\$2,500 penalty assessed, \$2,050.54 forfeiture) |
| January 16, 2025          | Commission Hearing   |
| December 20, 2024         | Notice of Hearing & Procedural Order issued                          |
| October 24, 2024          | Staff Report issued  |
| September 19, 2024        | Complaint filed  |

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| <b>24-03-CD</b>           | <b>Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc. v. Alaskans for Honest Elections</b>           |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING REFERRAL TO AGO</b>  |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |   |
| February 25, 2025         | Final Order on Reconsideration issued   |
| January 27, 2025          | Final Order issued (\$56,250 AHE; \$67,700 (RCEA); \$11,000(Matthias); \$22,000 (AHG) |
| January 16, 2025          | Commission Hearing  |
| December 20, 2024         | Notice of Hearing & Procedural Order issued   |
| October 22, 2024          | Staff Report issued   |
| October 1, 2024           | Response to Complaint filed   |
| September 9, 2024         | Order Accepting Complaint for Investigation issued                                    |
| August 29, 2024           | Commission Review   |
| August 6, 2024            | Request for Commission Review filed   |
| July 31, 2024             | Complaint rejected by APOC staff  |

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| <b>23-07-CD</b>           | <b>Alaskans for Better Elections v. Alaskans for Honest Elections, et al.</b> |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION</b>  |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |   |
| March 19, 2024            | Order Dismissing in Part/Remanding in Part issued                             |
| February 28, 2024         | Commission Hearing  |
| February 12, 2024         | Notice of Hearing & Procedural Order issued                                   |
| February 5, 2024          | Staff Report issued   |
| January 18, 2024          | Response to Respondents' Answer filed   |
| January 10, 2024          | Answer to Complaint filed   |
| December 6, 2023          | Order Denying Expedited Consideration issued                                  |
| December 6, 2023          | Expedited Hearing held  |
| December 4, 2023          | Expedited Complaint filed   |

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| <b>23-05-CD</b>           | <b>McDonald v. Snyder</b>   |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>CLOSED</b>   |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |   |
| March 20, 2025            | PAID IN FULL  |
| April 10, 2024            | Order Granting Reconsideration/Approving Settlement/Pmt. Plan (\$2,000) |
| March 11, 2024            | Final Order issued (\$3,673.16 civil penalty assessed)                  |
| February 28, 2024         | Commission Hearing  |
| February 12, 2024         | Notice of Hearing & Procedural Order issued                             |
| December 27, 2023         | Amended Staff Report issued   |
| December 22, 2023         | Staff Report issued   |
| December 8, 2023          | Answer to Complaint filed   |
| October 19, 2023          | Complaint accepted  |

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| <b>23-04-CD</b>           | <b>Izon v. Alaskans for Better Elections</b>      |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION</b>              |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |   |
| March 15, 2024            | Order Dismissing in Part/Remanding in Part issued |
| February 28, 2024         | Commission Hearing                                |
| February 12, 2024         | Notice of Hearing & Procedural Order issued       |
| January 23, 2024          | Amended Staff Report filed                        |
| January 22, 2024          | Response to Staff Report filed                    |
| January 12, 2024          | Staff Report issued                               |
| November 14, 2023         | Reply to Answer filed                             |
| November 3, 2023          | Answer to Complaint filed                         |
| October 16, 2023          | Complaint Addendum filed                          |
| October 9, 2023           | Complaint accepted                                |

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| <b>22-01-CD</b>           | <b>AKPIRG, et al. v. RGA/ASA, et al.</b>   |
| <b>Current Status:</b>    | <b>PENDING INVESTIGATION<br/>SUPERIOR CT ENFORCEMENT ACTION and APPEAL TO SUPREME CT</b> |
| <b>Procedural History</b> |  |
| February 7, 2024          | Notice of Appeal to Supreme Court filed  |
| February 5, 2024          | Motion for Reconsideration filed   |
| January 25, 2024          | Order Granting Mtn for Summary Judgement (in favor of APOC)                              |
| January 17, 2023          | Enforcement Complaint in Superior Court filed  |
| December 8, 2022          | Final Order Denying Objections to Subpoenas issued                                       |
| December 7, 2022          | Hearing on Objections to Subpoenas held  |
| November 28, 2022         | Objections to Subpoenas filed  |
| November 17, 2022         | Order Issuing Subpoenas  |
| November 4, 2022          | Staff's Motion for Subpoenas filed   |
| October 17, 2022          | Order Denying Expedited Consideration, issued  |
| October 14, 2022          | Expedited Hearing on Complaint held  |
| October 12, 2022          | Hearing on Request for Expedited Consideration held                                      |
| October 11, 2022          | ASA's Partial Non-Opposition to Req. for Extension filed                                 |
| October 10, 2022          | Plaintiffs' Request for Expedited Consideration filed                                    |
| October 7, 2022           | Staff's Request for Extension of Time filed  |
| October 5, 2022           | Second Supplement to Complaint filed   |
| October 3, 2022           | Staff's Motion for Subpoenas filed   |
| September 23, 2022        | RGA's Motion to Dismiss Complaint filed  |
| September 23, 2022        | Huber's Response to Complaint filed  |
| September 23, 2022        | Dunleavy's Response to Complaint filed   |
| September 23, 2022        | ASA's Response to Complaint filed  |
| September 6, 2022         | Complaint filed  |

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| <b>23-01-CD</b>  | <b>Alaskans for Better Elections v. Alaskans for Honest Elections</b> |
| <b>Current Status: PENDING APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT</b> |   |
| <b>Procedural History</b>                              |   |
| August 19, 2024  | Notice of Appeal to Supreme Court                                     |
| July 18, 2024  | Order Affirming in Part/Reversing in Part issued                      |
| February 2, 2024                                       | Notice of Appeal to Superior Court filed                              |
| January 3, 2024  | Commission Final Order issued   |
| November 16, 2023                                      | Commission Hearing  |
| October 19, 2023                                       | Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order issued                         |
| October 2, 2023  | Response to Staff Report filed  |
| September 8, 2023                                      | Staff Report issued   |
| August 14, 2023  | Reply to Response to Answer/Third Supplement to Complaint filed       |
| August 8, 2023   | Third Supplement to Complaint filed                                   |
| August 3, 2023   | First Amended Answer to Complaint filed                               |
| August 1, 2023   | Response to Answer to Complaint filed                                 |
| July 26, 2023  | Answer to Complaint filed   |
| July 25, 2023  | Second Supplement to Complaint filed                                  |
| July 12, 2023  | First Supplement to Complaint filed                                   |
| July 11, 2023  | Complaint accepted  |

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| <b>20-05-CD</b>                                     | <b>Yes on 2 For Better Elections v. Defend Alaska Elections, Brett Huber, Protect My Ballot, and Alaska Policy Forum</b> |
| <b>Current Status: PENDING SUPREME COURT APPEAL</b> |  |
| <b>Procedural History</b>                           |  |
| September 15, 2022                                  | Notice of Appeal to Supreme Court filed  |
| August 16, 2022                                     | Decision and Order issued (upholding Commission Order)   |
| August 12, 2021                                     | Notice of Appeal to Superior Court   |
| July 12, 2021                                       | Final Order on Reconsideration   |
| July 12, 2021                                       | Order Granting Reconsideration issued  |
| July 6, 2021  | Request for Clarification  |
| June 21, 2021                                       | Final Order issued (no penalty assessed)   |
| June 10, 2021                                       | Commission Hearing   |
| May 20, 2021  | Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order issued  |
| January 8, 2021                                     | Order Dismissing Huber   |
| January 4, 2021                                     | Motion for Summary Judgement - Huber   |
| December 30, 2020                                   | Order Granting Continuance   |
| December 28, 2020                                   | Motion for Extension of Time   |
| December 16, 2020                                   | Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order issued  |
| October 15, 2020                                    | Staff Report issued  |
| September 28, 2020                                  | Huber's Answer to Complaint filed  |
| September 24, 2020                                  | APF's Answer to Complaint filed  |
| September 8, 2020                                   | Complaint filed  |



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – 34<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE (2025 – 2026)

**SFIRST REGULAR SESSION (2025)**

| Bill Number               | Title  | Sponsor |
|---------------------------|--|---------|
| SB64                      | Elections  | SRLS    |
| <b>Summary of Changes</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Repealed requirement for APOC offices in each senate district</li> <li>➤ Changes definition of true source to mean the legal entity that makes the contribution or independent expenditure but only for contributions made to influence ballot measures.</li> <li>➤ Requires statements and reports filed by lobbyists and their employers to be publicly available on the commission’s website.</li> <li>➤ Adds redistricting board to boards and commission subject to public official financial disclosure reporting.</li> </ul> |         |
| <b>Last Action:</b>       | <b>Passed Senate. Referred to HFIN</b>   |         |

| Bill Number               | Title  | Sponsor |
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| SB116                     | Campaign Finance. Contribution Limits  | SSTA    |
| <b>Summary of Changes</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Individuals can contribute \$2,000 per election cycle to a non-group entity or candidate</li> <li>➤ Individuals can contribute \$5,000 per year to a political party or group</li> <li>➤ Groups can contribute \$4,000 each election cycle to a candidate</li> <li>➤ Groups can contribute \$5,000 each year to a political party or group</li> <li>➤ An individual may contribute \$4,000 each election cycle to a joint campaign for governor and lieutenant governor.</li> <li>➤ Groups may contribute \$8,000 each election cycle to a joint campaign for governor and lieutenant governor.</li> <li>➤ Calls for adjusting contribution limits every 10 years beginning in 2031.</li> </ul> |         |
| <b>Last Action:</b>       | <b>Heard in SSTA, referred to SFIN</b>   |         |



| <b>Bill Number</b>        | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Sponsor</b> |
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| HB16                      | Campaign Finance; Contribution Limits; APOC  | Rep. Schrage   |
| <b>Summary of Changes</b> | <p>This bill proposed new campaign contribution limits and inflation proofing the new limits every four years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Individuals may contribute \$2,000 per election cycle to a nongroup entity or a candidate.</li> <li>➤ Individuals may contribute \$5,000 per year to a political party or group.</li> <li>➤ Groups may contribute \$4,000 per election cycle to candidates for state or local office.</li> <li>➤ Groups may contribute \$5,000 per year to a non-group entity, a group, or a political party.</li> <li>➤ Non-group entities may contribute \$4,000 per election cycle to a non-group entity or a candidate.</li> <li>➤ Non-group entities may contribute \$5,000 per year to a political party or other group.</li> <li>➤ An individual may contribute \$4,000 each election cycle to a joint campaign for governor and lieutenant governor.</li> <li>➤ Groups may contribute \$8,000 each election cycle to a joint campaign for governor and lieutenant governor.</li> <li>➤ Clarifies that limits do not apply to individuals, non-group entities, and groups contributing to independent expenditure only groups.</li> <li>➤ Calls for adjusting contribution limits every 10 years beginning in 2031.</li> <li>➤ Requires persons to register with a physical in-state address</li> <li>➤ Requires the commission complete investigations within 90 days</li> <li>➤ Requires 10-day status reports to complainants 50 days after a complaint is filed.</li> </ul> |                |
| <b>Last Action:</b>       | <b>Passed House. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading on Senate Floor, Returned to SRLS</b>  |                |

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 64(FIN) am**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Amended: 5/12/25

Offered: 5/9/25

Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to voting; relating to voter**  
2    **registration; relating to election administration; relating to the Alaska Public Offices**  
3    **Commission; relating to campaign contributions; relating to the crimes of unlawful**  
4    **interference with voting in the first degree, unlawful interference with an election, and**  
5    **election official misconduct; relating to synthetic media in electioneering**  
6    **communications; relating to campaign signs; relating to voter registration on permanent**  
7    **fund dividend applications; relating to the Redistricting Board; relating to the duties of**  
8    **the commissioner of revenue; and providing for an effective date."**

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

10    \* **Section 1.** AS 15.05.020 is amended to read:

11               **Sec. 15.05.020. Rules for determining residence of voter.** For the purpose of  
12               determining residence for voting, the place of residence is governed by the following

1 rules:

2 (1) A person may not be considered to have gained a residence solely  
3 by reason of presence nor may a person lose it solely by reason of absence while in the  
4 civil or military service of this state or of the United States or of absence because of  
5 marriage to a person engaged in the civil or military service of this state or the United  
6 States, while a student at an institution of learning, while in an institution or asylum at  
7 public expense, while confined in public prison, while engaged in the navigation of  
8 waters of this state or the United States or of the high seas, while residing on [UPON]  
9 an Indian or military reservation, or while residing in the Alaska Pioneers' Home or  
10 the Alaska Veterans' Home.

11 (2) The residence of a person is that place in which the person's  
12 physical habitation is fixed, and to which, whenever absent, the person has an  
13 articulable and reasonable plan [THE INTENTION] to return. If a person resides in  
14 one place, but does business in another, the former is the person's place of residence.  
15 Temporary work sites do not constitute a dwelling place.

16 (3) [A CHANGE OF RESIDENCE IS MADE ONLY BY THE ACT  
17 OF REMOVAL JOINED WITH THE INTENT TO REMAIN IN ANOTHER  
18 PLACE.] There can only be one residence.

19 (4) A person does not lose residence if the person leaves home and  
20 goes to another country, state, or place in this state for temporary purposes only and  
21 with the intent of returning to the person's physical habitation.

22 (5) A person does not gain residence in any place to which the person  
23 comes without the present intention to establish a physical habitation  
24 [PERMANENT DWELLING] at that place indefinitely.

25 (6) A person loses residence in this state if the person establishes  
26 residence in another state or votes in another state's election, either in person or by  
27 absentee ballot, and will not be eligible to vote in this state until again qualifying  
28 under AS 15.05.010.

29 (7) The term of residence is computed by including the day on which  
30 the person's residence begins and excluding the day of election.

31 (8) The address of a voter as it appears on the official voter registration

record is presumptive evidence of the person's voting residence. This presumption is negated [ONLY] if the voter notifies the director in writing of a change of voting residence. **When a voter's qualification is questioned under AS 15.15.210 or challenged in accordance with the procedure adopted in regulation under AS 15.20.215, the presumption may be rebutted by providing evidence to the division that the voter has established residence in another country, state, or place in this state or evidence that the voter is not a resident under (2) - (7) of this section.**

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 15.07.060(c) is amended to read:

(c) Each applicant who requests registration in person before a registration official shall exhibit one form of identification to the official, including a driver's license, state identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or **identification card issued by a federally recognized tribe** [HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE]. A registration official who knows the identity of the applicant may waive the identification requirement.

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 15.07.060(e) is amended to read:

(e) For an applicant requesting initial registration by mail, by facsimile or other electronic transmission approved by the director under AS 15.07.050, or by completing a permanent fund dividend application, the director shall verify the information provided in compliance with (a)(2) and (3) of this section through state agency records described in AS 15.07.055(e). If the applicant cannot comply with the requirement of (a)(2) of this section because the applicant has not been issued any of the listed numbers, the applicant may instead submit a copy of one of the following forms of identification: a driver's license, state identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or **identification card issued by a federally recognized tribe** [HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE].

\* **Sec. 4.** AS 15.07.070 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(n) The division may use information provided by the Department of Revenue under AS 43.23.015 and 43.23.101 only to register a voter and conduct voter roll maintenance. The division may not disclose personally identifiable information obtained from the Department of Revenue.

(o) The division, in cooperation with the Department of Revenue, shall submit an annual report to the governor and to the senate secretary and chief clerk of the house of representatives on or before the first day of each regular session of the legislature and notify the legislature that the report is available. The report shall detail

(1) the number of permanent fund dividend applicant records shared with the division;

(2) the effect that shared permanent fund dividend applications had on voter roll maintenance under (n) of this section and on election integrity; and

(3) security measures taken to protect voter information.

(p) In this section, "voter roll maintenance" includes confirming the residency of a registered voter, identifying duplicate registrations, detecting voters who have moved, and detecting voters who are ineligible to vote under AS 15.05.

\* **Sec. 5.** AS 15.07.130(a) is amended to read:

(a) Periodically, at times of the director's choosing, but **not** [NO] less frequently than in January of each calendar year, the director shall examine the master register maintained under AS 15.07.120 and shall send, by **forwardable** [NONFORWARDABLE] mail to the voter's registration mailing address, **and to the voter's electronic mail address, if available**, a notice requesting address confirmation or correction. **The notice must explain that the voter's registration will be inactivated unless the voter responds to the notice within 45 days after the date the notice is sent. The director shall send the notice** to each voter

(1) whose mail from the division has been returned to the division in the two years immediately preceding the examination of the register;

(2) who has not contacted the division in the two years immediately preceding the examination of the register **and** [; OR (3)] who has not voted or appeared to vote in the **28 months** [TWO GENERAL ELECTIONS] immediately preceding the examination of the register;

**(3) who the division has learned, after registering to vote in this state and during the 28 months immediately preceding the examination of the register, has**

**(A) registered to vote in another state;**

1 (B) received a driver's license from another state;

2 (C) registered a vehicle in another state;

3 (D) received public assistance from another state;

4 (E) served on a jury in another state;

5 (F) obtained a resident hunting or fishing license in another  
6 state;

7 (G) enrolled in and paid the state resident tuition rate for a  
8 public university in another state;

9 (H) received a homestead or residential property tax  
10 exemption in another state; or

11 (I) received a benefit available only to residents of another  
12 state; or

13 (4) who, for the full duration of the two years immediately  
14 preceding the examination of the register, has maintained a physical mailing  
15 address located outside the state, unless the division reasonably determines that  
16 the person is away from the state for a reason permissible under AS 15.05.020 or  
17 another state or federal law related to voting in elections; a notice sent under this  
18 paragraph must include a requirement that the voter respond by selecting from a  
19 list and certifying the truth of the voter's answer under penalty of perjury one of  
20 the following circumstances:

21 (A) the voter is absent from the state but has an articulable  
22 and reasonable plan to return to the place of physical habitation on the  
23 voter's registration;

24 (B) the voter is absent from the state solely because of a  
25 reason listed in AS 15.05.020(1);

26 (C) the voter is no longer a resident of the state and  
27 requests to have the voter's registration canceled; or

28 (D) the voter has returned to the state.

29 \* Sec. 6. AS 15.07.130(b) is amended to read:

30 (b) If a registered voter does [HAS] not respond to a notice sent under (a) of  
31 this section within 45 days after the date the notice is sent, the director shall

inactivate the voter's registration [, WITHIN THE PRECEDING FOUR CALENDAR YEARS, CONTACTED THE DIVISION AND HAS NEITHER VOTED NOR APPEARED TO VOTE IN A LOCAL, REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD, PRIMARY, SPECIAL, OR GENERAL ELECTION DURING THE LAST FOUR CALENDAR YEARS AND A NOTICE SENT TO THE VOTER UNDER (a) OF THIS SECTION WAS RETURNED AS UNDELIVERABLE, THE VOTER SHALL BE ADVISED BY A NOTICE SENT BY FORWARDABLE MAIL TO THE VOTER'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS THAT REGISTRATION WILL BE INACTIVATED UNLESS THE VOTER RESPONDS TO THE NOTICE NO LATER THAN 45 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE SENT UNDER THIS SECTION]. The director shall maintain on the master register the name of a voter whose registration is inactivated. The director shall cancel a voter's inactive registration in accordance with the procedures set out in 52 U.S.C. 20507 [42 U.S.C. 1973gg-6 (SEC. 8, NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT OF 1993)] after the second general election that occurs after the registration becomes inactive if the voter does not contact the division or vote or appear to vote.

\* **Sec. 7.** AS 15.07.130(d) is amended to read:

(d) The notice sent under (a) [(b)] of this section must include a postage prepaid and pre-addressed return card on which the voter may state the voter's current address. The notice must indicate

(1) that the voter should return the card not later than 45 days after the date of the notice if the voter did not change residence;

(2) that failure to return the card by the 45-day deadline could result in removal of the voter's name from the official registration list for a subsequent election;

(3) that the voter's registration will be cancelled if the voter does not contact the division during, or vote or appear to vote in an election held during, the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the last day of the fourth calendar year that occurs after the date of notice; and

(4) how the voter can continue to be eligible to vote if the voter has changed residence.

\* **Sec. 8.** AS 15.07.130(f) is amended to read:

(f) For the purpose of this section, a voter "contacts" the division if the voter notifies the division of a change of address, responds to a notice sent under this section, signs a petition for a ballot measure, requests a new voter registration card, or otherwise communicates with the division other than to vote or register to vote. An individual does not "contact" the division by registering to vote under AS 15.07.070(i) - (m).

\* **Sec. 9.** AS 15.07.130 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(g) The division shall adopt regulations to review voter registration records and update the master register. The regulations must include reviews for deceased voters, persons convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, persons not qualified to vote under AS 15.05, persons registered to vote in another state, whether the number of registered voters on the master register exceeds the number of eligible voters in the state, and voter registration information data breaches. In conducting these reviews, the division shall gather and examine available data from other states and information from the United States Postal Service forwarding databases, motor vehicle records, Department of Corrections records, property and sales tax records, United States Social Security Administration databases, jury duty records, National Change of Address records, and similar records. The division shall also review evidence that a person has undertaken the following activities in another state:

- (1) registered to vote;
- (2) obtained a driver's license;
- (3) registered a vehicle;
- (4) received public assistance; or
- (5) obtained a resident hunting or fishing license.

(h) The division shall, in consultation with an external, nationally recognized subject-matter expert selected by the division, annually audit the master register. The division shall consider the subject-matter expert's recommendations. By February 1 of each year, the division shall publish a report describing the most recent audit and accounting for the criteria reviewed under (g) of this section. The report must include the expert's recommendations, identify protocols used under (g) of this section, provide election information including the number of voters on the master register and



the total population eligible to vote, and highlight voting data problems, irregularities, errors, and vulnerabilities identified in the audit. The division shall submit the report to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the legislature that the report is available on or before the date the report is published.

(i) If the director is required under both (a)(4) of this section and (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this section to send a notice to a voter, the director shall send the notice to the voter under (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this section and may not send a notice to the voter under (a)(4) of this section.

(j) A voter making a statement under (a)(4)(D) of this section shall provide the voter's current residence address in the sworn statement required under (a)(4) of this section.

(k) In addition to a notice or response required under this section, at any time the division may contact a voter to obtain or a voter may contact the division to provide information to determine the voter's residence.

\* **Sec. 10.** AS 15.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**Sec. 15.07.133. Process to cancel registration.** The director shall develop a process to allow a voter to cancel the voter's registration electronically or in person before an election official. The process must include a requirement that the voter verify the voter's identity before the registration may be cancelled. The director shall prominently display instructions for a voter to cancel the voter's registration at each polling place.

\* **Sec. 11.** AS 15.07.195 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) The director shall publish on the division's Internet website notice of the nature and severity of a data breach of information made confidential by this section and report the details of the breach to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives

(1) before the day of an election, if the data breach happens or is discovered within 14 days before an election; or

(2) before certifying the results of an election, if the data breach happens or is discovered on or after the day of the election but before certification of the election.

1 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 15.10.105 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

2 (c) The director shall employ a rural community liaison. The rural community  
3 liaison shall collaborate with tribes and municipalities to facilitate access to early and  
4 absentee voting in rural areas of the state and ensure that precincts in rural areas of the  
5 state are fully staffed.

6 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 15.10.170(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) The precinct party committee, where an organized precinct committee  
8 exists, or the party district committee where no organized precinct committee exists,  
9 or the state party chairperson where neither a precinct nor a party district committee  
10 exists, may appoint one or more [PERSONS AS] watchers in each precinct and  
11 counting center for any election. A [EACH] candidate may appoint one or more  
12 watchers for each precinct or counting center in the candidate's respective district or  
13 the state for any election. An [ANY] organization or organized group that sponsors or  
14 opposes a ballot proposition [AN INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM,] or question  
15 [RECALL] may have one or more [PERSONS AS] watchers at the polls and counting  
16 centers after first obtaining authorization from the director. A candidate, or an  
17 organization or organized group with authorization from the director, may  
18 appoint at least one watcher for each location where ballots or envelopes are  
19 reviewed or counted in a precinct or counting center. A state party chairperson, a  
20 precinct party committee, a party district committee, or a candidate may not have more  
21 than one watcher on duty at a time in any precinct or counting center. A watcher must  
22 be a United States citizen. The watcher may be present at a position inside the place of  
23 voting or counting that affords a full view of all action of the election officials taken  
24 from the time the polls are opened until the ballots are finally counted and the results  
25 certified by the election board or the data processing review board. The election board  
26 or the data processing review board may require each watcher to present written proof  
27 showing appointment by the precinct party committee, the party district committee,  
28 the organization or organized group, or the candidate the watcher represents and that  
29 is signed by the respective chairperson or chairperson's designee of the precinct  
30 party committee or party district committee, the state party chairperson, the  
31 organization or organized group, or the candidate or candidate's designee.

1 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 15.13.020(j) is amended to read:

2 (j) The commission shall establish **offices** [AN OFFICE, WHICH MAY BE  
3 CALLED A REGIONAL OFFICE, IN EACH SENATE DISTRICT IN THE STATE  
4 TO KEEP ON FILE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION COPIES OF ALL REPORTS  
5 FILED WITH THE COMMISSION BY CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE  
6 AND BY CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICE IN THAT DISTRICT;  
7 HOWEVER, WHERE ONE MUNICIPALITY CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE  
8 HOUSE DISTRICT, ONLY ONE COMMISSION OFFICE SHALL BE  
9 ESTABLISHED IN THAT MUNICIPALITY. THE REGIONAL OFFICE SHALL  
10 MAKE ALL FORMS AND PERTINENT MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO  
11 CANDIDATES. ALL REPORTS SHALL BE FILED BY CANDIDATES, GROUPS,  
12 AND INDIVIDUALS DIRECTLY WITH THE COMMISSION'S CENTRAL  
13 DISTRICT OFFICE. THE COMMISSION SHALL ENSURE THAT COPIES OF  
14 ALL REPORTS BY STATEWIDE AND LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES IN EACH  
15 SENATE DISTRICT ARE FORWARDED PROMPTLY TO THAT DISTRICT OR  
16 REGIONAL OFFICE].

17 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 15.13.400(19) is amended to read:

18 (19) "true source" means,

19 **(A) for a contribution made for the purpose of influencing a**  
20 **ballot proposition or question, the person or legal entity that makes the**  
21 **contribution or independent expenditure to support or oppose the**  
22 **proposition or question; or**

23 **(B) for a contribution made for the purpose of influencing**  
24 **the nomination or election of a candidate,**

25 **(i)** the person or legal entity whose contribution is  
26 funded from wages, investment income, inheritance, or revenue  
27 generated from selling goods or services;

28 **(ii)** a person or legal entity who **derives** [DERIVED]  
29 funds via contributions, donations, dues, or gifts is not the true source  
30 [.] but **is** [RATHER] an intermediary for the true source **except that,**  
31 **for a contribution from** [; NOTWITHSTANDING THE

1 FOREGOING, TO THE EXTENT] a membership organization **that**  
 2 receives dues or contributions of less than \$2,000 per person per year,  
 3 the organization itself **is** [SHALL BE CONSIDERED] the true source.

4 \* **Sec. 16.** AS 15.15.060(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Immediately following the appointment of the election board, the election  
 6 supervisor in conjunction with the election board chair shall secure polling places for  
 7 holding the election, suitable ballot boxes that will **ensure** [ASSURE] security, and an  
 8 adequate number of voting booths or screens, national flags, pens, and pencils. At  
 9 every polling place, at least one voting booth shall be furnished and not less than one  
 10 voting booth or screen shall be furnished for each 100 votes or fractional part of 100  
 11 votes cast in the previous election. [AT EVERY POLLING PLACE, AT LEAST  
 12 ONE-HALF OF THE VOTING BOOTHS USED SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN SIX  
 13 FEET IN HEIGHT, ENCLOSED ON THREE SIDES, AND PROVIDED WITH A  
 14 CURTAIN EXTENDING FROM THE TOP OF THE VOTING BOOTH TO  
 15 WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 30 INCHES OF THE FLOOR. THE CURTAIN OF  
 16 THE VOTING BOOTH MUST CONCEAL THE VOTER WHILE VOTING.] The  
 17 election supervisor and the election board chair may, in an emergency, secure an  
 18 alternate location for a polling place.

19 \* **Sec. 17.** AS 15.15.060(b) is amended to read:

20 (b) To **ensure** [ASSURE] administrative economy and to protect the secrecy  
 21 of the ballot, the director may adopt regulations prescribing  
 22 (1) the type of polling place for holding the election;  
 23 (2) the requirements regarding ballot boxes, voting screens, national  
 24 flags, and other supplies; and  
 25 (3) [SUBJECT TO THE SPECIFICATIONS OF (a) OF THIS  
 26 SECTION,] the requirements regarding voting booths.

27 \* **Sec. 18.** AS 15.15.060 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

28 (f) To the extent practicable, the division shall provide language assistance  
 29 required under 52 U.S.C. 10503, as amended, at each polling place. An election  
 30 supervisor shall post at each polling place information regarding the availability of  
 31 language assistance in English and all other languages for which language assistance

1 is required to be provided in the jurisdiction under federal law.

2 \* **Sec. 19.** AS 15.15.225(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) Before being allowed to vote, each voter shall exhibit to an election official  
4 one form of identification, including

5 (1) an official voter registration card, driver's license, state  
6 identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or  
7 **identification card issued by a federally recognized tribe** [HUNTING OR  
8 FISHING LICENSE]; or

9 (2) an original or a copy of a [CURRENT] utility bill, bank statement,  
10 paycheck, government check, or other government document; an item exhibited under  
11 this paragraph must show the name and current address of the voter **and must be**  
12 **dated within the previous 60 days.**

13 \* **Sec. 20.** AS 15.15.370 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 15.15.370. Results [COMPLETION] of ballot count [;**  
15 **CERTIFICATE].** When the count of ballots is completed, and in no event later than  
16 the day after the election, the election board shall make a certificate in duplicate of the  
17 results. The certificate includes the number of votes cast for each candidate, including,  
18 for a candidate in a general election, the number of votes at each **ranking** [ROUND  
19 OF THE RANKED-CHOICE TABULATION PROCESS] under AS 15.15.350, the  
20 number of votes for and against each proposition, yes or no on each question, and any  
21 additional information prescribed by the director. **However, a precinct that counts**  
22 **results exclusively by hand may report the number of votes cast for each highest-**  
23 **ranked candidate and need not report the number of second-place or lower**  
24 **ranked votes cast for a candidate.** The election board shall, immediately upon  
25 completion of the certificate or as soon thereafter as the local mail service permits,  
26 send in one sealed package to the director one copy of the certificate and the register.  
27 In addition, all ballots properly cast shall be mailed to the director in a separate, sealed  
28 package. Both packages, in addition to an address on the outside, shall clearly indicate  
29 the precinct from which they come. Each board shall, immediately upon completion of  
30 the certification and as soon thereafter as the local mail service permits, send the  
31 duplicate certificate to the respective election supervisor. The director may authorize

election boards in precincts in those areas of the state where distance and weather make mail communication unreliable to forward their election results by telephone or radio. The director may authorize the unofficial totaling of votes on a regional basis by election supervisors, tallying the votes as indicated on duplicate certificates. To ensure adequate protection, the director shall prescribe the manner in which the ballots, registers, and all other election records and materials are thereafter preserved, transferred, and destroyed.

\* **Sec. 21.** AS 15.15.370 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(b) Each day that the director releases unofficial totals of election results for a general election, the director shall also

(1) release an updated ranked-choice tabulation;

(2) identify the precincts that have been counted;

(3) identify the days on which absentee ballots have been logged and counted, including a summary of the count codes used on ballots in each district each day;

(4) identify the districts in which early votes were cast and the days on which votes were cast in each district; and

(5) identify the precincts and count codes of questioned ballots that have been counted.

(c) Each day that an absentee ballot is reviewed under AS 15.20.201 or a questioned ballot is reviewed under AS 15.20.207, the director shall display on the division's Internet website an updated unofficial total detailing the number of absentee ballots and questioned ballots counted for each count code.

(d) In this section, "count code" means a code assigned to a ballot by the division that designates the races in which the ballot is to be counted during a district absentee ballot counting review conducted under AS 15.20.203 or a district questioned ballot review conducted under AS 15.20.207.

\* **Sec. 22.** AS 15.15.380 is amended to read:

**Sec. 15.15.380. Payment of election board members.** The director shall pay each election board member for time spent at election duties, including the receiving of instructions. Election board chairpersons and the chairperson and members of the

absentee ballot, questioned ballot, and state ballot counting review boards shall be paid for time spent at their election duties. The director shall set the compensation to be paid under this section [BY REGULATION].

\* **Sec. 23.** AS 15.15.420 is amended to read:

**Sec. 15.15.420. Duty to review the ballot counting.** The director shall review the counting of the ballots [WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AND] in the presence of the appointed representatives from the political parties. **A candidate for an office that is on the ballots being counted and appointed representatives from the group supporting and from the group opposing a ballot proposition or question may be present and observe the counting of the ballots.**

\* **Sec. 24.** AS 15.15.430(a) is amended to read:

(a) The review of ballot counting by the director **must** [SHALL] include [ONLY (1)] a review of the precinct registers, tallies, and ballots cast. **The review must include** [; (2)] a review of absentee and questioned ballots as prescribed by law. **The review must include, for each house district except a house district where all races on the ballot are uncontested** [; AND (3) UNLESS THE BALLOT FOR THE HOUSE DISTRICT CONTAINS NOTHING BUT UNCONTESTED OFFICES], a hand count of ballots from one randomly selected precinct in **the** [EACH] house district that accounts for at least five percent of the ballots cast in that district. **The director shall adopt regulations prescribing additional review procedures employing statistical methods to limit the risk of certifying an election result that would be inconsistent with the result that would be obtained by conducting a recount.**

\* **Sec. 25.** AS 15.20.030 is amended to read:

**Sec. 15.20.030. Preparation of ballots, envelopes, and other material.** The director shall provide ballots for use as absentee ballots in all districts. The director shall provide a secrecy sleeve in which the voter shall initially place the marked ballot [,] and shall provide **a postage-paid return** [AN] envelope with the prescribed voter's certificate on it, in which the secrecy sleeve with ballot enclosed shall be placed. The director shall prescribe the form of and prepare the voter's certificate, envelopes, and other material used in absentee voting. The voter's certificate shall include a

1 declaration, for use when required, that the voter is a qualified voter in all respects, a  
 2 blank for the voter's signature, and a space for recording the date that the voter  
 3 executed the certificate. An envelope may not identify a voter's party affiliation [,  
 4 A CERTIFICATION THAT THE AFFIANT PROPERLY EXECUTED THE  
 5 MARKING OF THE BALLOT AND GAVE THE VOTER'S IDENTITY, BLANKS  
 6 FOR THE ATTESTING OFFICIAL OR WITNESS, AND A PLACE FOR  
 7 RECORDING THE DATE THE ENVELOPE WAS SEALED AND WITNESSED].  
 8 The envelope with the voter's certificate must include a notice that false statements  
 9 made by the voter [OR BY THE ATTESTING OFFICIAL OR WITNESS] on the  
 10 certificate are punishable by law.

11 \* **Sec. 26.** AS 15.20.072(c) is amended to read:

12 (c) A representative requesting a special needs ballot shall provide  
 13 current and valid photo identification card or an identification card issued by a  
 14 federally recognized tribe and sign a register provided by an election official. The  
 15 register must require that the representative provide the representative's printed  
 16 name, the name of the authority that issued the provided identification card, the  
 17 type of provided identification card, the number associated with the provided  
 18 identification card, the representative's phone number if available, the  
 19 representative's electronic mail address if available, the name of the voter who  
 20 requested the special needs ballot, and the dates on which the special needs  
 21 ballot is provided to the representative and returned to the division. The election  
 22 official shall verify that the representative's name, and, if applicable, likeness,  
 23 match the provided identification card by signing or initialing the register. After  
 24 the election official signs or initials the register, the election official shall explain  
 25 to the representative the duties of a representative and a voter under (d) of this  
 26 section and give the representative an envelope that includes a printed record of  
 27 information required to be filled out by the representative. An election official  
 28 may not issue the special needs ballot until the representative has provided the  
 29 information required on the record. The record [IF THE REQUEST FOR A  
 30 SPECIAL NEEDS BALLOT IS MADE THROUGH A REPRESENTATIVE, THE  
 31 REPRESENTATIVE SHALL SIGN A REGISTER PROVIDED BY AN ELECTION



1 OFFICIAL. THE REGISTER] must include the following information:

- 2 (1) the representative's name;
- 3 (2) the representative's residence and mailing address;
- 4 (3) the representative's social security number, voter identification
- 5 number, or date of birth;
- 6 (4) the name of the voter on whose behalf the representative is
- 7 requesting a ballot and voting materials;
- 8 (5) an oath that the representative
  - 9 (A) is receiving a ballot and voting materials on behalf of the
  - 10 voter;
  - 11 (B) will not vote the ballot for the voter;
  - 12 (C) will not coerce the voter;
  - 13 (D) will not divulge the vote cast by the voter; and
  - 14 (E) has been notified that unlawful interference with voting is
  - 15 punishable under AS 15.56.030;
- 16 (6) the representative's signature.

17 \* **Sec. 27.** AS 15.20.072(d) is amended to read:

18 (d) The representative shall deliver the special needs ballot, envelope, secrecy  
 19 sleeve, and other voting materials provided by the division to the voter as soon as  
 20 practicable. The voter shall mark the ballot in secret, place the ballot in the secrecy  
 21 sleeve, and place the secrecy sleeve in the envelope [PROVIDED]. The voter shall  
 22 provide the information on the envelope that would be required for absentee voting if  
 23 the voter voted in person. The voter shall sign the voter's certificate in the presence of  
 24 the representative. The representative shall sign as attesting official and date the  
 25 voter's signature.

26 \* **Sec. 28.** AS 15.20.072 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

27 (h) If a qualified voter satisfies the requirements of (d) of this section, the  
 28 division may not reject the voter's special needs ballot based on an error by an election  
 29 official or a representative. If the circumstances show evidence of unlawful  
 30 interference or misconduct, a special needs ballot may be held for further review.

31 (i) The director shall train each absentee voting official, election supervisor,

1 and member of a precinct election board on the requirements of this section.

2 \* **Sec. 29.** AS 15.20.081(d) is amended to read:

3 (d) Upon receipt of an absentee ballot by mail, the voter [, IN THE  
4 PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC, COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE  
5 ARMED FORCES INCLUDING THE NATIONAL GUARD, DISTRICT JUDGE  
6 OR MAGISTRATE, UNITED STATES POSTAL OFFICIAL, REGISTRATION  
7 OFFICIAL, OR OTHER PERSON QUALIFIED TO ADMINISTER OATHS,] may  
8 proceed to mark the ballot in secret, to place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve, to place  
9 the secrecy sleeve in the envelope provided, and to sign the voter's certificate on the  
10 envelope. **The** [IN THE PRESENCE OF AN OFFICIAL LISTED IN THIS  
11 SUBSECTION WHO SHALL SIGN AS ATTESTING OFFICIAL AND SHALL  
12 DATE THE SIGNATURE. IF NONE OF THE OFFICIALS LISTED IN THIS  
13 SUBSECTION IS REASONABLY ACCESSIBLE, AN ABSENTEE VOTER  
14 SHALL SIGN THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE IN THE PRESENCE OF AN  
15 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, WHO SHALL SIGN AS  
16 A WITNESS AND ATTEST TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE VOTER SIGNED  
17 THE CERTIFICATE IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRESENCE, AND, IN ADDITION,  
18 THE] voter shall certify, as prescribed in AS 09.63.020, under penalty of perjury, that  
19 the statements in the voter's certification are true.

20 \* **Sec. 30.** AS 15.20.081(e) is amended to read:

21 (e) An absentee ballot must be marked on or before the date of the election.  
22 Except as provided in (h) of this section, a voter who returns the absentee ballot by  
23 mail, whether provided to the voter by mail or by electronic transmission, shall use a  
24 mail service at least equal to first class and mail the ballot not later than the day of the  
25 election to the election supervisor for the house district in which the voter seeks to  
26 vote. Except as provided in AS 15.20.480, the ballot may not be counted unless it is  
27 received by the close of business on the 10th day after the election. [IF THE BALLOT  
28 IS POSTMARKED, IT MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE ELECTION  
29 DAY.] After the day of the election, ballots may not be accepted unless received by  
30 mail. **A ballot received after the day of the election that is not postmarked or is**  
31 **postmarked after the day of the election may not be counted unless the ballot**

envelope is marked with a United States Postal Service tracking barcode sufficient to verify that the ballot was mailed on or before the day of the election or with a division of elections ballot tracking barcode sufficient to verify that the ballot was mailed on or before the day of the election.

\* **Sec. 31.** AS 15.20.081(f) is amended to read:

(f) The director shall require a voter casting an absentee ballot by mail to provide proof of identification or other information to aid in the establishment of the voter's identity as prescribed by regulations adopted under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act). If the voter is a first-time voter who initially registered by mail or by facsimile or other electronic transmission approved by the director under AS 15.07.050 and has not met the identification requirements set out in AS 15.07.060, the voter must provide one of the following forms of proof of identification:

(1) a copy of a driver's license, state identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or identification card issued by a federally recognized tribe [HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE]; or

(2) an original or a copy of a [CURRENT] utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document; an item provided under this paragraph must show the name and current address of the voter and must be dated within the previous 60 days.

\* **Sec. 32.** AS 15.20.081(h) is amended to read:

(h) Except as provided in AS 15.20.480, an absentee ballot returned by mail from outside the United States or from an overseas voter qualifying under AS 15.05.011 that has been marked and mailed not later than election day may not be counted unless the ballot is received by the election supervisor not later than the close of business on the

[(1)] 10th day following the [A PRIMARY] election [OR SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION UNDER AS 15.40.140; OR

(2) 15TH DAY FOLLOWING A GENERAL ELECTION OR SPECIAL ELECTION, OTHER THAN A SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DESCRIBED IN (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION].

\* **Sec. 33.** AS 15.20.081 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(m) An absentee ballot application must include an option for a qualified voter to choose to receive absentee ballots by mail for future regularly scheduled state elections. The division may not require a voter who chooses this option to reapply for an absentee ballot by mail unless

(1) the voter has not voted an absentee ballot for a period of four years;  
or

(2) the voter's previous absentee ballot sent under this section was returned to the division as undeliverable.

\* **Sec. 34.** AS 15.20.170 is amended to read:

**Sec. 15.20.170. Disposition of ballots.** Each absentee voting official shall transmit the dated envelopes containing the marked ballots by the most expeditious mail service to the election supervisor for the district. Upon receipt of the absentee ballots, the election supervisor shall stamp on the envelope the date on which the ballot is received. In this section, "mail service" includes delivery by optical scanning and electronic transmission.

\* **Sec. 35.** AS 15.20.201(a) is amended to read:

(a) Not [NO] less than 12 [SEVEN] days preceding the day of election, the election supervisor, in the presence and with the assistance of the district absentee ballot counting board, shall review all voter certificates of absentee ballots received by that date. The review of absentee ballots shall continue at times designated by the election supervisor until completed.

\* **Sec. 36.** AS 15.20.203(b) is amended to read:

(b) An absentee ballot must be rejected [MAY NOT BE COUNTED] if

(1) the voter has failed to properly execute the certificate;

(2) [AN OFFICIAL OR THE WITNESSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO ATTEST THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE FAIL TO EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATE, EXCEPT THAT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT CAST IN PERSON AND ACCEPTED BY AN ABSENTEE VOTING OFFICIAL OR ELECTION SUPERVISOR MAY BE COUNTED DESPITE FAILURE OF THE ABSENTEE VOTING OFFICIAL OR ELECTION SUPERVISOR TO PROPERLY SIGN AND DATE THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE AS ATTESTING OFFICIAL AS REQUIRED]

1 UNDER AS 15.20.061(c);

2 (3) THE BALLOT IS NOT ATTESTED ON OR BEFORE THE  
3 DATE OF THE ELECTION;

4 (4)] the ballot envelope and certificate, if delivered by mail after the  
5 day of the election [POSTMARKED],

6 (A) is not postmarked or is postmarked after [ON OR  
7 BEFORE] the date of the election and is not marked with a United States  
8 Postal Service tracking barcode sufficient to verify that the ballot was  
9 mailed on or before the day of the election or with a division of elections  
10 ballot tracking barcode sufficient to verify that the ballot was mailed on or  
11 before the day of the election;

12 (B) has a United States Postal Service tracking barcode  
13 verifying that the ballot was mailed after the date of the election or a  
14 division of elections ballot tracking barcode verifying that the ballot was  
15 mailed after the date of the election; or

16 (C) is executed after the date of the election;

17 (3) [(5)] after the day of election, the ballot was delivered by a means  
18 other than mail; or

19 (4) [OR (6)] the voter voted

20 (A) in person and is a

21 (i) first-time voter who initially registered by mail or by  
22 facsimile or other electronic transmission approved by the director  
23 under AS 15.07.050, has not provided the identification required by  
24 AS 15.15.225(a), was not eligible for waiver of the identification  
25 requirement under AS 15.15.225(b), and has not provided the  
26 identifiers required in AS 15.07.060(a)(2) and (3) that can be verified  
27 through state agency records described in AS 15.07.055(e); or

28 (ii) voter other than one described in (i) of this  
29 subparagraph, did not provide identification described in  
30 AS 15.15.225(a), was not personally known by the election official,  
31 and has not provided the identifiers required in AS 15.07.060(a)(2) and

(3); or

(B) by mail or electronic transmission, is a first-time voter who initially registered by mail or by facsimile or other electronic transmission approved by the director under AS 15.07.050 to vote, has not met the identification requirements set out in AS 15.07.060, and does not submit with the ballot a copy of a

(i) driver's license, state identification card, current and valid photo identification, birth certificate, passport, or identification card issued by a federally recognized tribe [HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE]; or

(ii) an original or a copy of a [CURRENT] utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document; an item described in this sub-subparagraph must show the name and current address of the voter and must be dated within the previous 60 days.

\* **Sec. 37.** AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**Sec. 15.20.215. Rules for challenging ballot.** The director shall adopt by regulation a procedure and time frame for a person present at the ballot counting review to challenge the decision of whether to count an absentee, special needs, or questioned ballot. The procedure must provide a reasonable amount of time to submit a challenge.

\* **Sec. 38.** AS 15.20.220(b) is amended to read:

(b) The state review board shall review and count absentee ballots under AS 15.20.081(e) and (h), absentee ballots properly cured under AS 15.20.222, and questioned ballots that have been forwarded to the director and that have not been reviewed or counted by a district counting board.

\* **Sec. 39.** AS 15.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

**Sec. 15.20.221. Ballot-tracking system.** (a) The director shall establish an online ballot-tracking system. If the director procures the system from a third party, the third party must be a corporation that is incorporated in the United States. The system must be designed to allow a voter to easily use the system through a mobile

1 electronic device. The system must allow a voter to

2 (1) confirm that the voter's ballot has been sent by the division;

3 (2) track the date of the ballot's delivery to the voter;

4 (3) confirm the division's receipt of the voter's ballot;

5 (4) determine whether the voter's ballot has been counted; and

6 (5) provide the information necessary to cure a rejected ballot.

7 (b) The online ballot-tracking system must

8 (1) use multi-factor authentication to verify a voter's identity; and

9 (2) indicate to a voter

10 (A) the process by which the voter may cure the lack of  
11 signature or verify the voter's identity, if the signature on the voter's ballot was  
12 missing; and

13 (B) the reason the voter's ballot was not counted, if the ballot  
14 was not counted.

15 (c) The division may not charge a voter a fee to use the online ballot-tracking  
16 system.

17 **Sec. 15.20.222. Procedure for curing uncounted ballot.** (a) If a voter's ballot  
18 is rejected because the certificate is missing a signature or the voter provided  
19 insufficient voter identification, the director shall immediately make a reasonable  
20 effort to contact the voter, explain the ballot deficiency, explain how the deficiency  
21 may be cured, and inform the voter of the deadline to cure the ballot. The director  
22 shall, within 24 hours, send a notice of deficiency by electronic mail to the voter's  
23 electronic mail address if the voter has provided an electronic mail address. If the  
24 voter has provided a telephone number, the director shall, within 24 hours, attempt to  
25 notify the voter of the deficiency by telephone call and text message. The director  
26 shall, within 48 hours, but not later than five days after election day, send a notice of  
27 deficiency by first class, nonforwardable mail to the address in the voter's registration  
28 record.

29 (b) A notice of deficiency must include a form for the voter to confirm that the  
30 voter returned a ballot to the division, provide a copy of a form of identification  
31 accepted by the division under AS 15.15.225(a), and provide a signature. The director

1 shall provide a printed copy of the form with the notice of deficiency mailed to the  
 2 voter. The director shall also make the form available in a format that can be  
 3 completed and returned electronically.

4 (c) The rejected ballot of a voter who received a notice of deficiency may be  
 5 counted only if

6 (1) the voter returns the completed form sent with the notice of  
 7 deficiency, the division receives the form within 10 days after election day, and the  
 8 form confirms that the voter returned a ballot to the division;

9 (2) the voter provides a signature and includes a copy of a form of  
 10 identification accepted by the division under AS 15.15.225(a); and

11 (3) the ballot is otherwise valid.

12 (d) A voter's rejected ballot may not be counted and the director shall, if  
 13 applicable, send copies of the signature on the voter's return envelope to the attorney  
 14 general for investigation if the voter returns the form and the form indicates that the  
 15 voter did not return a ballot to the division.

16 \* **Sec. 40.** AS 15.20.480 is amended to read:

17 **Sec. 15.20.480. Procedure for recount.** In conducting the recount, the director  
 18 shall review all ballots, whether the ballots were counted at the precinct or by  
 19 computer or by the district absentee counting board or the questioned ballot counting  
 20 board, to determine which ballots, or part of ballots, were properly marked and which  
 21 ballots are to be counted in the recount, and shall check the accuracy of the original  
 22 count, the precinct certificate, and the review. [THE DIRECTOR SHALL COUNT  
 23 ABSENTEE BALLOTS RECEIVED BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE  
 24 RECOUNT.] For administrative purposes, the director may join and include two or  
 25 more applications in a single review and count of votes. The rules in AS 15.15.360  
 26 governing the counting of ballots shall be followed in the recount when a ballot is  
 27 challenged on the basis of a question regarding the voter's intent to vote for the  
 28 candidate, proposition, or question. The ballots and other election material must  
 29 remain in the custody of the director during the recount, and the highest degree of care  
 30 shall be exercised to protect the ballots against alteration or mutilation. The recount  
 31 shall be completed within 10 days. The director may employ additional personnel



1 necessary to assist in the recount.

2 \* **Sec. 41.** AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3 **Article 4A. Ballot Drop Boxes.**

4 **Sec. 15.20.850. Ballot drop boxes.** The director shall provide secure ballot  
5 drop boxes. The director shall adopt regulations governing the use and location of  
6 ballot drop boxes. The director shall provide a drop box at each division regional  
7 office. When selecting drop box locations, the director may consult with  
8 municipalities, school districts, tribal organizations, and nonpartisan civic  
9 organizations. The director shall include in the regulations the criteria for selecting the  
10 locations of drop boxes, the security requirements for the drop boxes, and a  
11 requirement that drop boxes be open 24 hours a day in the 10 days before an election  
12 day. The regulations must require that each drop box be open on the election day until  
13 8:00 p.m. A municipality may provide a drop box under regulations adopted by the  
14 director.

15 \* **Sec. 42.** AS 15.56.030(d) is amended to read:

16 (d) For purposes of (a)(2) and (3) of this section, "other valuable thing"

17 (1) includes

18 (A) an entry in a game of chance in which a prize of money or  
19 other present or future pecuniary gain or advantage may be awarded to a  
20 participant wherein the total of the prizes offered is greater than \$2 per  
21 participant with a maximum of \$100; and

22 (B) government employment or benefits;

23 (2) does not include

24 (A) materials having a nominal value bearing the name,  
25 likeness, or other identification of a candidate, political party, political group,  
26 party district committee, or organization, or stating a position on a ballot  
27 proposition or question;

28 (B) food and refreshments provided incidental to an activity  
29 that is nonpartisan in nature and directed at encouraging persons to vote, or  
30 incidental to a gathering in support of or in opposition to a candidate, political  
31 party, political group, party district committee, organization, or ballot question

1 or proposition;

2 (C) care of the voter's dependents provided in connection with  
3 the absence of a voter from home for the purpose of voting;

4 (D) services provided by a person acting as a representative  
5 under AS 15.20.072;

6 (E) services provided by an election official as defined in  
7 AS 15.80.010; [AND]

8 (F) transportation of a voter to or from the polls without  
9 charge; **and**

10 **(G) postage-paid return envelopes required in**  
11 **AS 15.20.030.**

12 \* **Sec. 43.** AS 15.56.060(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) A person commits the crime of unlawful interference with an election if  
14 the person

15 (1) induces or attempts to induce an election official to fail in the  
16 official's duty by force, threat, intimidation, or offers of reward;

17 (2) intentionally changes, attempts to change, or causes to be changed  
18 an official election document including ballots, tallies, and returns;

19 (3) intentionally delays, attempts to delay, or causes to be delayed the  
20 sending of the certificate, register, ballots, or other materials whether original or  
21 duplicate, required to be sent by AS 15.15.370; [OR]

22 (4) is contracted or employed by the state to print or reproduce in any  
23 manner an official ballot, and the person knowingly

24 (A) personally appropriates, or gives or delivers to, or permits  
25 to be taken by anyone other than a person authorized by the director, official  
26 ballots; or

27 (B) prints or reproduces or has printed or reproduced official  
28 ballots in a form or with a content other than that prescribed by law or as  
29 directed by the director;

30 **(5) intentionally opens or tampers with a signed absentee ballot**  
31 **certificate, sealed absentee ballot envelope, or package of ballots without express**

1 authorization from the director; or

2 (6) intentionally breaches, hacks, alters, or tampers with election  
 3 machinery, including a tabulator, a program, a system, a server, or software used  
 4 to verify identity, count or tabulate, or manage or control an election function.

5 \* **Sec. 44.** AS 15.56.070(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) A person commits the crime of election official misconduct in the first  
 7 degree if, while an election official, the person

8 (1) intentionally fails to perform an election duty or knowingly does an  
 9 unauthorized act with the intent to affect an election or its results;

10 (2) knowingly permits or makes or attempts to make a false count of  
 11 election returns; [OR]

12 (3) intentionally conceals, withholds, destroys, or attempts to conceal,  
 13 withhold, or destroy election returns; or

14 (4) knowingly discloses, shares, or reports to a person who is not  
 15 an election official election results, returns, or any confidential election data  
 16 before the polls close on election day.

17 \* **Sec. 45.** AS 15.80 is amended by adding a new section to read:

18 **Sec. 15.80.006. Cybersecurity.** The lieutenant governor shall, by regulation,  
 19 develop a cybersecurity program to defend the voter registration records kept by the  
 20 division against cyber attacks and data breaches and enable the division to detect and  
 21 recover from cyber attacks. The program must include cybersecurity training for  
 22 election officials.

23 \* **Sec. 46.** AS 15.80 is amended by adding a new section to read:

24 **Sec. 15.80.009. Synthetic media in electioneering communications.** (a) A  
 25 person may not knowingly use synthetic media in an electioneering communication  
 26 with the intent to influence an election.

27 (b) An individual who is harmed by an electioneering communication that  
 28 violates this section may bring an action in the superior court to recover damages, full  
 29 reasonable attorney fees, and costs from

30 (1) the person who created the electioneering communication or  
 31 retained the services of another to create the electioneering communication;

1                   (2) a person who disseminates an electioneering communication  
2 knowing that the electioneering communication includes synthetic media; or

3                   (3) a person who removes a disclosure statement described in (d) of  
4 this section from an electioneering communication with the intent to influence an  
5 election and knowing that the electioneering communication includes synthetic media.

6                   (c) An individual who is harmed by an electioneering communication that  
7 violates this section may seek injunctive relief in the superior court to prohibit  
8 publication of the synthetic media.

9                   (d) It is a defense to an action under this section that

10                   (1) the electioneering communication included the following  
11 disclosure statement: "This (image/video/audio) has been manipulated" and

12                   (A) for visual media that included other text, the text of the  
13 disclosure statement remained visible throughout the entirety of the  
14 communication, was easily readable by the average viewer, and was in a font  
15 not smaller than the largest font size of any other text that appeared in the  
16 visual component;

17                   (B) for visual media that did not include any other text, the  
18 disclosure statement was in a font size that was easily readable by the average  
19 viewer;

20                   (C) for a communication that consisted of only audio, the  
21 disclosure statement was read

22                   (i) at the beginning of the audio, at the end of the audio,  
23 and, if the audio was longer than two minutes in duration, at intervals  
24 interspersed within the audio that occurred at least once every two  
25 minutes; and

26                   (ii) in a clear manner and in a pitch and at a speed that  
27 was easily heard by the average listener; or

28                   (2) the synthetic media constitutes satire or parody.

29                   (e) An interactive computer service, Internet service provider, cloud service  
30 provider, telecommunications network, or radio or television broadcaster, including a  
31 cable or satellite television operator, programmer, or producer, is not liable under this

1 section for hosting, publishing, or distributing an electioneering communication  
 2 provided by another person. For purposes of this section, a developer of the  
 3 technology used to create synthetic media that is in an electioneering communication  
 4 is not the creator of the electioneering communication. This subsection does not  
 5 prevent an individual from bringing an action under (b)(3) of this section for removing  
 6 a disclosure statement.

7 (f) In this section,

8 (1) "access software provider" means a provider of client, server, or  
 9 other software or enabling tools that

10 (A) filter, screen, allow, or disallow content;

11 (B) pick, choose, analyze, or digest content; or

12 (C) transmit, receive, display, forward, cache, search, subset,  
 13 organize, reorganize, or translate content;

14 (2) "artificial intelligence" means a machine-based system that, for  
 15 explicit or implicit objectives, infers, from the input the system receives, how to  
 16 generate outputs, including predictions, content, recommendations, and decisions that  
 17 can influence physical or virtual environments, with different artificial intelligence  
 18 systems varying in levels of autonomy and adaptiveness after deployment;

19 (3) "electioneering communication" means a communication that

20 (A) directly or indirectly identifies a candidate or political  
 21 party;

22 (B) is disseminated through a mailing, a newspaper, the  
 23 Internet, or broadcast media, including radio, television, cable, or satellite, to  
 24 an audience that includes voters who will have the opportunity to vote on a  
 25 candidate identified in the communication or on a candidate of a party  
 26 identified in the communication; and

27 (C) when read as a whole and with limited reference to outside  
 28 events, is susceptible of no other reasonable interpretation but as an  
 29 exhortation to vote for or against a specific candidate;

30 (4) "interactive computer service" means an information service,  
 31 system, or access software provider that provides or enables computer access by

multiple users to a computer server, including specifically a service or system that provides access to the Internet and systems operated or services offered by libraries or educational institutions;

(5) "synthetic media"

(A) means an image, audio recording, or video recording of an individual's appearance, speech, or conduct that is manipulated by artificial intelligence in a manner that creates a realistic but false image, audio recording, or video recording and produces

(i) a depiction that a reasonable person would believe is of a real individual in appearance, speech, or conduct but did not actually occur in reality; and

(ii) a materially different understanding or impression than a reasonable person would have from the unaltered, original version of the image, audio recording, or video recording;

(B) does not include an image, audio recording, or video recording that is minimally edited, adjusted, or enhanced by artificial intelligence without materially altering how the meaning or significance of the depiction would be perceived by a reasonable person.

\* **Sec. 47.** AS 19.25.105(a) is amended to read:

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

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

(2) signs, displays, and devices advertising the sale or lease of property on [UPON] which they are located or advertising activities conducted on the property;

(3) signs determined by the state, subject to concurrence of the United States Department of Transportation, to be landmark signs, including signs on farm structures or natural surfaces of historic or artistic significance, the preservation of

which would be consistent with the provisions of this chapter;

(4) directional signs and notices pertaining to schools;

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

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

**\* Sec. 48.** AS 24.45.091 is amended to read:

**Sec. 24.45.091. Publication of reports.** Copies of the statements and reports filed under this chapter shall be made available to the public at the commission's **offices and on the commission's Internet website** [CENTRAL OFFICE, THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY OF THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY, AND AT THE COMMISSION'S DISTRICT OFFICES PRESCRIBED IN AS 15.13.020(j)] as soon as practicable after each reporting period.

**\* Sec. 49.** AS 24.45.111(b) is amended to read:

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

**\* Sec. 50.** AS 39.50.200(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(65) Redistricting Board.

**\* Sec. 51.** AS 43.23.015(b) is amended to read:

(b) The department shall prescribe and furnish an application form for claiming a permanent fund dividend. The application must include

(1) notice of the penalties provided for under AS 43.23.270;

(2) a statement of eligibility and a certification of residency;

(3) the means for an applicant eligible to vote under AS 15.05, or a person authorized to act on behalf of the applicant, to furnish information required by AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4) and (7) - (9), and an attestation that such information is true, **as well as a prominent notice informing the applicant that the applicant may decline to register to vote or update the applicant's voter information.**

\* **Sec. 52.** AS 43.23.015 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(k) When an applicant applies for a permanent fund dividend on an Internet website, the department shall inform the applicant that the applicant may decline to register to vote or update the applicant's voter information. The Internet webpage displaying the information required under this subsection must allow the applicant to decline to register to vote or update the applicant's voter information.

\* **Sec. 53.** AS 43.23.101 is amended to read:

**Sec. 43.23.101. Voter registration.** **Each month, the** [THE] commissioner shall [ESTABLISH BY RULE A SCHEDULE BY WHICH THE COMMISSIONER WILL PROVIDE, AND SHALL] provide [AS SOON AS IS PRACTICABLE] the director of elections with **the following information for each permanent fund dividend applicant:**

(1) **the** electronic **record** [RECORDS FROM THE PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND APPLICATIONS] of the information required by AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4) and (7) - (9) [,] and the attestation that **the** [SUCH] information is true [,] for each permanent fund dividend applicant who **does not decline to register to vote or update the applicant's voter information under AS 43.23.015(b)(3) or (k);**

[ (A) IS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES; AND

(B) IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE OR WILL BE WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION; AND]

(2) the **applicant's mailing address;**

(3) **the applicant's affirmation of residency and the names and contact information of persons the applicant listed for purposes of verifying residency;**



1 **(4) indication of the applicant's voter registration status, if known;**

2 **and**

3 **(5) whether the applicant has claimed residency in another state**

4 [ADDRESSES FOR ALL PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND APPLICANTS].

5 \* **Sec. 54.** AS 43.23.101 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

6 (b) The commissioner shall develop security protocols that ensure data  
7 required to be stored or transferred under this section is securely stored or transferred.

8 (c) In cooperation with the division of elections under AS 15.07.070(o), the  
9 commissioner shall submit an annual report to the governor and to the senate secretary  
10 and chief clerk of the house of representatives on or before the first day of each  
11 regular session of the legislature and notify the legislature that the report is available.

12 \* **Sec. 55.** AS 44.62.310(h)(3) is amended to read:

13 (3) "public entity" means an entity of the state or of a political  
14 subdivision of the state including an agency, a board or commission, **the**  
15 **Redistricting Board**, the University of Alaska, a public authority or corporation, a  
16 municipality, a school district, and other governmental units of the state or a political  
17 subdivision of the state; it does not include the court system or the legislative branch  
18 of state government.

19 \* **Sec. 56.** AS 15.07.064(g) and AS 15.10.170(b) are repealed

20 \* **Sec. 57.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
21 read:

22 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. The division of elections shall provide a report  
23 to the legislature by November 1, 2026, recommending options for expanding early voting in  
24 rural communities and low-income neighborhoods. The division shall deliver the report to the  
25 senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the legislature  
26 that the report is available. In this section,

27 (1) "low-income neighborhood" means a neighborhood where the median  
28 family income is below 80 percent of the statewide median family income;

29 (2) "rural community" means a community with a population of 7,500 or less  
30 that is not connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks or a community with a  
31 population of 3,500 or less that is connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks.

1     \* **Sec. 58.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
2 read:

3           APPLICABILITY. AS 15.56.030(d), as amended by sec. 41 of this Act,  
4 AS 15.56.060(a), as amended by sec. 43 of this Act, and AS 15.56.070(a), as amended by sec.  
5 44 of this Act, apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

6     \* **Sec. 59.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.

**SENATE BILL NO. 116**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/5/25

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

"An Act amending campaign contribution limits for state and local office; directing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to adjust campaign contribution limits for state and local office once each decade beginning in 2031; and relating to campaign contribution reporting requirements."

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

**\* Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the people of the state believe that political power and influence with public officials should not be allocated solely based on wealth. Instead, reasonable limits on the amount of campaign contributions are necessary to secure equal rights for Alaskans and to preserve the integrity of our elections.

**\* Sec. 2.** AS 15.13.070(b) is amended to read:

(b) Except as provided in (h) of this section, an [AN] individual may contribute not more than

(1) **\$2,000 each election cycle** [\$500 PER YEAR] to a nongroup entity for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, to a candidate, **or** to an individual who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate [, OR TO A GROUP THAT IS NOT A POLITICAL PARTY];

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

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 15.13.070(c) is amended to read:

(c) **Except as provided in (h) of this section, a** [A] group that is not a political party may contribute not more than [\$1,000 PER YEAR]

(1) **\$4,000 each election cycle** to a candidate [,] or to an individual who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate;

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

\* **Sec. 4.** AS 15.13.070(f) is amended to read:

(f) **Except as provided in (h) of this section, a** [A] nongroup entity may contribute not more than

(1) **\$4,000 each election cycle** [\$1,000 A YEAR] to another nongroup entity for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, to a candidate, **or** to an individual who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate;

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

\* **Sec. 5.** AS 15.13.070(g) is amended to read:

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

(1) an individual may contribute not more than **\$4,000 each election cycle** [\$1,000 PER YEAR]; and

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

\* **Sec. 6.** AS 15.13.070 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

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

(i) Beginning in the first quarter of calendar year 2031 and once every 10 years thereafter, the commission shall by regulation adjust the contribution limits set out in this section by a percentage equal to the percentage of increase over the preceding 10-year period in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for urban Alaska prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, rounded to the nearest \$50 increment.

**\* Sec. 7.** AS 15.13.110(i) is amended to read:

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

**\* Sec. 8.** AS 15.13.400 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

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

**\* Sec. 9.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

APPLICABILITY. This Act does not apply to contributions made to influence the outcome of an election that occurred before the effective date of this Act.

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 16(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/11/25

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES SCHRAGE, Galvin, Himschoot, Holland, Hall, Mina, Burke, Josephson, Fields, Mears, Carrick

SENATORS Giessel, Wielechowski, Tobin, Gray-Jackson, Dunbar, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Olson

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act requiring a group supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot proposition in a**  
2    **state or local election to maintain an address in the state; amending campaign**  
3    **contribution limits for state and local office; directing the Alaska Public Offices**  
4    **Commission to adjust campaign contribution limits for state and local office once each**  
5    **decade beginning in 2031; relating to campaign contribution reporting requirements;**  
6    **relating to administrative complaints filed with the Alaska Public Offices Commission;**  
7    **relating to state election expenditures and contributions made by a foreign-influenced**  
8    **corporation or foreign national; and providing for an effective date."**

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

10    **\* Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
11    to read:

12       LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the people of the state believe

that political power and influence with public officials should not be allocated solely based on wealth. Instead, reasonable limits on the amount of campaign contributions are necessary to secure equal rights for Alaskans and to preserve the integrity of our elections.

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 15.13.050(a) is amended to read:

(a) Before making an expenditure in support of or in opposition to a candidate or before making an expenditure in support of or in opposition to a ballot proposition or question or to an initiative proposal application filed with the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.020, each person other than an individual shall

**(1) register, on forms provided by the commission, with the commission; and**

**(2) provide the person's physical address in the state or the physical address of the person's agent registered under (d) of this section.**

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 15.13.050 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) A person may not register under (a) of this section unless the person has a physical address in the state or registers with the commission an individual resident of the state who maintains a physical address in the state or a domestic corporation authorized to transact business in this state as the person's agent. A person shall notify the commission within 10 days after a change to the person's in-state address, registered agent, or the physical address of the person's registered agent.

\* **Sec. 4.** AS 15.13.070(b) is amended to read:

(b) **Except as provided in (h) of this section, an** [AN] individual may contribute not more than

**(1) \$2,000 each election cycle** [\$500 PER YEAR] to a nongroup entity for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, to a candidate, **or** to an individual who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate [, OR TO A GROUP THAT IS NOT A POLITICAL PARTY];

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

\* **Sec. 5.** AS 15.13.070(c) is amended to read:

(c) **Except as provided in (h) of this section, a** [A] group that is not a political party may contribute not more than [\$1,000 PER YEAR]

**(1) \$4,000 each election cycle** to a candidate [,] or to an individual

1 who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate;

2 (2) \$5,000 each year to another group, to a nongroup entity, or to a  
3 political party.

4 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 15.13.070(f) is amended to read:

5 (f) Except as provided in (h) of this section, a [A] nongroup entity may  
6 contribute not more than

7 (1) \$4,000 each election cycle [\$1,000 A YEAR] to another nongroup  
8 entity for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, to a  
9 candidate, or to an individual who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate;

10 (2) \$5,000 each year [, TO A GROUP, OR] to a political party or  
11 other group.

12 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 15.13.070(g) is amended to read:

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

15 (1) an individual may contribute not more than \$4,000 each election  
16 cycle [\$1,000 PER YEAR]; and

17 (2) a group may contribute not more than \$8,000 each election cycle  
18 [\$2,000 PER YEAR].

19 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 15.13.070 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

20 (h) The contribution limits set out in (b)(1), (c)(2), and (f) of this section do  
21 not apply to an individual, group, or nongroup entity contributing to a group or  
22 nongroup entity that makes only independent expenditures.

23 (i) Beginning in the first quarter of calendar year 2031 and once every 10  
24 years thereafter, the commission shall by regulation adjust the contribution limits set  
25 out in this section by a percentage equal to the percentage of increase over the  
26 preceding 10-year period in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for  
27 urban Alaska prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
28 Statistics, rounded to the nearest \$50 increment.

29 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 15.13.110(i) is amended to read:

30 (i) During an election cycle [A CAMPAIGN PERIOD], the commission may  
31 not change the manner or format in which reports required of a candidate under this



chapter must be filed. [IN THIS SUBSECTION, "CAMPAIGN PERIOD" MEANS THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON THE DATE THAT A CANDIDATE BECOMES ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THIS CHAPTER AND ENDING ON THE DATE THAT A FINAL REPORT FOR THAT SAME CAMPAIGN MUST BE FILED.]

\* **Sec. 10.** AS 15.13.380(e) is amended to read:

(e) If the commission accepts the complaint for consideration on a regular rather than an expedited basis, the commission shall notify the respondent within seven days after receiving the complaint and shall investigate the complaint. **The commission shall complete an investigation under this section within 90 days after the date the commission receives the complaint unless the commission extends the investigation for good cause.** The respondent may answer the complaint by filing a written response with the commission within 15 days after the commission notifies the respondent of the complaint. The commission may grant the respondent additional time to respond to the complaint only for good cause. The commission shall hold a hearing on the complaint not later than 45 days after the respondent's written response is due. Not later than 10 days after the hearing, the commission shall issue its order. If the commission finds that the respondent has engaged in or is about to engage in an act or practice that constitutes or will constitute a violation of this chapter or a regulation adopted under this chapter, the commission shall enter an order requiring the violation to be ceased or to be remedied and shall assess civil penalties under AS 15.13.390.

\* **Sec. 11.** AS 15.13.380 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(l) Beginning 50 days after a complaint is filed, the commission shall provide the complainant a report on the status of the commission's investigation at least every 10 days.

\* **Sec. 12.** AS 15.13.400 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

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

\* **Sec. 13.** AS 15.13.068(b) and 15.13.068(c) are repealed.

1     \* **Sec. 14.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
2 read:

3             APPLICABILITY. This Act does not apply to contributions made to influence the  
4 outcome of an election that occurred before the effective date of this Act.

5     \* **Sec. 15.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).