

Governor Murkowski has introduced a bill to gut the Alaska Public Offices Commission (HB 157)

Talking points for Defending the APOC:

APOC is the agency that is responsible for saving the State of Alaska from the prospect of Governor John Lindauer in the 1998 election, by shedding light on his financial shenanigans.

APOC will lose its independence if it is shifted to the Attorney General's office, a political appointee. Right now it is bi-partisan and mostly free of partisanship. If it is under the supervision of the Governor or Lieutenant Governor, Alaskans will lose their campaign watchdog.

Currently, anyone can file a complaint with the APOC for free. Under Murkowski's bill, citizens would have to obtain legal counsel, which for the simplest cases would be at least \$3,000.

Governor Murkowski believes that bringing complaints to court will be faster, even though courts are overburdened and cases often last years.

There are two complaints against the Murkowski campaign currently being investigated by APOC.

Governor Murkowski cites APOC's "lack of timely enforcement" even though his campaign asked for an extension in one of the cases against him.

Governor Murkowski's bill mandates electronic reporting, even though he filed his reports on paper, which took APOC staff two weeks to enter.