

SENATE BILL NO. 224

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/16/08

Referred: Transportation, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act providing for and relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds for the**
2 **purpose of paying the cost of state transportation projects; and providing for an**
3 **effective date."**

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

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

7 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. For the purpose of paying the cost of design
8 and construction of state transportation projects, general obligation bonds of the state in the
9 principal amount of not more than \$140,000,000, if ratified by a majority of the qualified
10 voters of the state who vote on the question, shall be issued and sold. The full faith, credit,
11 and resources of the state are pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest and
12 redemption premium, if any, on the bonds. The bonds shall be issued under the provisions of
13 AS 37.15 as those provisions read at the time of issuance.

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

1 read:

2 2008 TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified
3 by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, a special fund of
4 the state to be known as the "2008 transportation project fund" shall be established, to which
5 shall be credited the proceeds of the sale of the bonds described in sec. 1 of this Act except
6 for the accrued interest and premiums.

7 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
8 read:

9 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES. The
10 amount of \$121,100,000 is appropriated from the 2008 transportation project fund to the
11 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to be allocated among the following
12 projects in the amounts listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with
13 AS 37.07.080(e):

14 PROJECT	ALLOCATION
15 Anchorage: Connect Anchorage Project	\$22,100,000
16 (Dowling Road - Old Seward Highway	
17 to Minnesota Drive)	
18 Anchorage: Connect Anchorage Study (Northern	2,000,000
19 Access to University Medical District Study)	
20 Dalton Highway Improvements	14,000,000
21 Kenai Borough Road Projects	8,000,000
22 Nome: Snake River Bridge Replacement	10,000,000
23 Parks Highway: Weight Restriction Elimination	15,000,000
24 Seward Highway: Windy Corner Safety	20,000,000
25 Improvements	
26 Southeast Alaska: Pavement Rehabilitation	15,000,000
27 Steese Highway/Johansen Expressway	15,000,000
28 Area Traffic Improvements	

29 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
30 read:

31 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC

1 DEVELOPMENT. The amount of \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the 2008 transportation
2 project fund to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to
3 be awarded as a grant under AS 37.05.315 to the Municipality of Anchorage for expansion
4 of the Port of Anchorage.

5 * **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
6 read:

7 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. The amount of \$8,900,000 is
8 appropriated from the 2008 transportation project fund to the Department of Natural
9 Resources for the South Denali Access Road Design and Construction project.

10 * **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
11 read:

12 STATE BOND COMMITTEE. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified by a majority
13 of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, the amount of \$700,000 or as
14 much of that amount as is found necessary is appropriated from the general fund of the state
15 to the state bond committee to carry out the provisions of this Act and to pay expenses
16 incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized in this Act. The amounts expended
17 from the appropriation authorized by this section shall be reimbursed to the general fund
18 from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this Act.

19 * **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
20 read:

21 ADVANCE PLANNING. The amount withdrawn from the public facility planning
22 fund (AS 35.10.135) for the purpose of advance planning for the capital improvements
23 financed under this Act shall be reimbursed to the fund from the proceeds of the sale of
24 bonds authorized by this Act.

25 * **Sec. 8.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
26 read:

27 LAPSE; REDEMPTION; REIMBURSEMENT. The unexpended and unobligated
28 balance of the appropriations made in secs. 3 - 5 of this Act lapses under AS 37.25.020 and
29 is appropriated to the state bond committee to redeem bonds sold under this Act. The
30 amounts expended from the general fund to pay the principal, interest, and redemption
31 premium on bonds issued under this Act shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the

1 appropriation made under this section to the extent that the money is not needed to redeem
2 the bonds.

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

5 BALLOT QUESTION. The question whether the bonds authorized in this Act are to
6 be issued shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the next general election
7 and shall read substantially as follows:

8 PROPOSITION

9 State General Obligation Transportation Project Bonds
10 \$140,000,000

11 Shall the State of Alaska issue its general obligation bonds
12 in the principal amount of not more than \$140,000,000 for
13 the purpose of paying the cost of state transportation
14 projects?

15 Bonds Yes []

16 Bonds No []

17 * **Sec. 10.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).