

SENATE BILL NO. 163

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/17/12

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 municipal port projects; and providing for an effective**
3 **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 section
6 to read:

7 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. For the purpose of paying the cost of design and
8 construction of municipal port projects, general obligation bonds of the state in the principal
9 amount of not more than \$350,000,000, if ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the
10 state who vote on the question, shall be issued and sold. The full faith, credit, and resources of
11 the state are pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest and redemption premium,
12 if any, on the bonds. The bonds shall be issued under the provisions of AS 37.15 as those
13 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 2012 PORT PROJECT FUND. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified by a majority of
3 the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, a special fund of the state to be
4 known as the "2012 port project fund" shall be established, to which shall be credited the
5 proceeds of the sale of the bonds described in sec. 1 of this Act except for the accrued interest
6 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 COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC
10 DEVELOPMENT. The amount of \$350,000,000 is appropriated from the 2012 port project
11 fund to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to be
12 awarded as grants under AS 37.05.315 to recipients for projects as follows:

13 PROJECT	AMOUNT
14 Municipality of Anchorage - Port of Anchorage	\$200,000,000
15 Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Port MacKenzie	110,000,000
16 Rail Extension	
17 City of Seward - Community Development	10,000,000
18 Quota Home Port	
19 Bristol Bay Borough - Port Improvements	10,000,000
20 City of Emmonak - Port Improvements	10,000,000
21 Ketchikan Gateway Borough - Ward Cove	10,000,000
22 Dock Improvements	

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

25 STATE BOND COMMITTEE. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified by a majority of
26 the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, the amount of \$2,965,000 or as
27 much of that amount as is found necessary is appropriated from the general fund of the state
28 to the state bond committee to carry out the provisions of this Act and to pay expenses
29 incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized in this Act. The amounts expended
30 from the appropriation authorized by this section shall be reimbursed to the general fund from
31 the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this Act.

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

3 LAPSE; REDEMPTION; REIMBURSEMENT. The unexpended and unobligated
4 balances of the appropriations made in sec. 3 of this Act lapse under AS 37.25.020 and are
5 appropriated to the state bond committee to redeem bonds sold under this Act. The amounts
6 expended from the general fund to pay the principal, interest, and redemption premium on
7 bonds issued under this Act shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the appropriation
8 made under this section to the extent that the money is not needed to redeem the bonds.

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

11 BALLOT QUESTION. The question whether the bonds authorized in this Act are to
12 be issued shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the first general election
13 after the effective date of this Act and shall read substantially as follows:

14 **PROPOSITION**

15 State General Obligation \$350,000,000

16 Port Project Bonds

17 Shall the State of Alaska issue its general obligation bonds in
18 the principal amount of not more than \$350,000,000 for the
19 purpose of paying the cost of municipal port projects?

20 Bonds Yes []

21 Bonds No []

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