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IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. BUCKALEW

HOUSE BILL NO. 31

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An act relating to right to inspection and examination of records in recorders' offices; right to certified copy; rights of title examiners, abstractors, and title insurers to facilities for examining, abstracting and copying records; and providing for proper regulation thereof."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Section 1. Public records and files in recorders' offices are matters of public information and every person has the right to examine and inspect such records or to search them for titles to property.

Section 2. Clerks and commissioners as ex-officio recorders shall give on demand and on payment of the legal fees therefor a certified copy of such record and such copy shall in all cases be evidence of the original.

Section 3. They shall furnish during the usual business hours proper and reasonable facilities for the inspection and examination of such records and files in their respective offices, and for making memorandums, transcripts or copies thereof, to all persons having lawful occasion for access thereto for the purpose of examining titles to real estate described therein, making abstracts of title, or guaranteeing or insuring the titles thereof. The use of photography shall

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be permitted for making copies of such records and files for abstracts of title, or to build and maintain title plants. Provided, however, that clerks and commissioners, in conformity to the discretion of the court, may make such reasonable rules and regulations with reference to such inspection and examination and the making of memorandums, transcripts and copies of records in their office, whether by the use of photography or otherwise, as shall be necessary for the protection of such records and files, and to prevent interference with the regular discharge of the duties of recorders and their employees.