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IN THE House BY Mr. Bell  
House BILL NO. 80

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act creating a territorial land survey fund; authorizing an appropriation therefor; and establishing the administration thereof."

Section 1. There is hereby created a special fund of the Territory of Alaska to be known as the "Territorial Land Survey Fund", under the control and supervision of the Treasurer of the Territory of Alaska. It is the intent of this act that the fund so established be used for the purpose of matching Federal appropriations for the survey of public lands in the Territory of Alaska, in order to encourage larger appropriations by the Congress of the United States and to make sure that those funds which are appropriated are supplemented so as to speed up the processes of surveying the public domain within the Territory, as an indispensable condition for the development of its economy.

Section 2. There is hereby authorized the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$150,000.00 for the purpose of establishing the fund hereby created. The Treasurer of the Territory is hereby authorized and directed to enter into prompt negotiations with the Bureau of Land Management, United States Department of the Interior, for the purpose of setting up procedures for the transfer, from time to time, of necessary amounts from the fund hereby created in the manner and upon the conditions

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hereinafter set forth.

Section 3. Upon satisfactory completion of procedures for this purpose and subject to availability of funds, the Treasurer of the Territory is hereby authorized and directed, upon request of the Bureau of Land Management, or upon application of any interested party, or upon his own motion, to draw against the fund and to pay to any officer of the Bureau of Land Management duly authorized to receive the same, such sums as may be necessary, to expedite land surveys by such bureau in the Territory of Alaska; provided that no such monies shall be expended except on the following conditions:

(a) Monies allocated out of the fund hereby created shall be matched, dollar for dollar, against monies appropriated by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of land surveys in the Territory of Alaska and which are in excess of the sum of \$150,000.00.

(b) Monies so allocated from the fund hereby created shall be expended by the Bureau of Land Management, subject to the following order of priority: First, for the extension of the general system of rectangular cadastral land surveys in the Territory of Alaska; Second, for the survey of lands selected by the Territory of Alaska or by the University of Alaska under applicable public land laws; Third, for the survey of homesteads, home sites, business sites and other private entries or claims, under applicable public land laws, in the Territory of Alaska.

Section 3. The Treasurer of the Territory is hereby authorized under appropriate rules and regulations to be promulgated by him, to accept contributions from private persons, firms,

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corporations or bodies politic, for the purpose of aiding in the payment of surveys desired by such contributor and for which the allocation of territorial matching funds under this Act is sought. Such contributions shall be covered into the fund hereby created and shall be used in the same manner as monies directly appropriated for such fund.

Section 4. Any party aggrieved by any decision of the Treasurer made in the administration or application of the fund hereby created shall have the right of appeal to a board of land survey appeals, whose members, ex officio, shall be the Attorney General, who shall be chairman, the Land Commissioner, and the Auditor of the Territory of Alaska. The Treasurer and the board of land survey appeals so constituted, are hereby authorized to draw against the fund hereby created for the purpose of administering the provisions of this Act, provided that no more than ten per cent of the amount directly appropriated biennially for such fund shall be expended for the administration thereof during any biennium. The Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to report to the next succeeding session of the Legislature, within twenty days of the convening thereof, concerning the operation of this fund, including the amounts appropriated, received from contributions and expended and including also a list, classified in the order of priorities established herein, of surveys conducted during the biennium with the aid of such fund, stating the acreage and location of each survey so made, and containing such other information as will aid the legislature in evaluating the effectiveness and the needs of such fund.