

IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE BILL NO. *212*

measures
BY MR. MCNABB
and Brown

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to provide scholarships at the University of Alaska for certain native students; setting forth the terms and limitations; and related matters."

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

Section 1. PURPOSE. Because of the language difficulty and economic condition of the native peoples of Alaska, and the necessity for integrating the native cultures with the Alaskan economy, it is hereby declared to be the purpose of the Legislature to make provision for assistance to natives who wish to pursue a higher education beyond the attainments possible in the free public schools system.

Sec. 2. DEFINITION OF NATIVE. For the purposes of this Act the term "native" means any person between the ages of 17 and 25 who is a descendant of members of the aboriginal races inhabiting Alaska when annexed to the United States, or who is a descendant of Indians or Eskimos who, since the year 1867 and prior to June 30, 1952 migrated into Alaska from Canada, and who is such descendant as to have at least one-quarter blood derived from such ancestors.

Sec. 3. SCHOLARSHIPS. The Board of Regents of the University of Alaska shall offer scholarships to natives desiring to attend the University of Alaska, not to exceed ten new scholarships for each academic year. ^{per year} If there are more than ten

p. 1, line 29: after period insert "Preference shall be given to natives/residing in the rural areas of Alaska who desire to receive training ~~XXX~~ in the Department of Education."

1 applications the Board of Regents shall award ten scholarships to
2 these applicants who have the highest scholastic record or who
3 are determined by the Board of Regents to be the most qualified
4 among the applicants. ^{and} The University of Alaska shall provide room
5 in a University dormitory without any charge whatsoever and a
6 sufficient stipend not less than \$75 per month, such sum to be
7 used for the purpose of providing free meals or board, to those
8 natives who are granted scholarships under this Act. In addition
9 to the free room and board, the recipients of such scholarships
10 shall be entitled to such sums or awards as are necessary to pro-
11 vide for any fees (including student fees) and shall be provided
12 without charge such textbooks as are regularly required for any
13 courses in which such native is enrolled.

14 Sec. 4. CONTINUATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS. The award of free
15 room and board shall be made from any funds available to the
16 University. Each native who receives a scholarship under this
17 Act shall be entitled to retain such scholarship and to receive
18 free room and board during his or her attendance at the University
19 so long as he or she shall maintain a grade average equivalent to
20 a "C" or better; Provided however, that no one native shall be
21 entitled to the scholarship for more than four years, nor for
22 more than the number of years necessary to receive a bachelor's
23 degree.

24 Sec. 5. CONSTRUCTION OF ACT. The Board of Regents shall
25 offer the scholarships provided for herein for the academic year
26 beginning in the fall of 1955 and each academic year thereafter.
27 The scholarships provided for herein shall be supplemental and
28 in addition to any other scholarships to which the applicant may
29 be entitled or may receive.

p. 2, line 4: strike period and add "and who are financially unable to obtain a higher education without assistance."

p. 2, line 4: strike all after period in the section and substitute: "The University shall provide such minimum financial assistance to such students as shall be necessary in each individual case, but not to exceed fees, board and room in any case."