

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 34

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to create and establish a Terri-
7 torial Library Service; providing for the
8 administration thereof; repealing Secs.
9 37-12-11 through 37-12-14, ACLA, 1949, and
10 Chap. 107, SLA, 1949; and setting an
11 effective date."

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

13 Section 1. Creation of department. There is hereby created
14 and established a Department of Library Service. The manage-
15 ment and control of this Department is hereby vested in a Board
16 which shall be known as the Board of Library Service.

17 Sec. 2. Board; members; terms. The Board of Library Ser-
18 vice shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed by
19 the Governor subject to confirmation by the Legislature. One
20 member shall be selected from each judicial division and one at
21 large. Members of the Board shall serve terms of four years,
22 except that in making the first appointments under this Act, two
23 of the members shall be appointed for two years.

24 Sec. 3. Board; powers. It shall be the responsibility of
25 the Board of Library Service: (a) to stimulate and encourage
26 citizen participation in the development of library facilities,
27 and to advise the Territorial Librarian on all matters relating
28 to the improvement of library service; (b) to establish poli-
29 cies, plans and procedures of the department, and to formulate

1 such reasonable rules and orders, with penalties, as may be
2 required and are not in conflict with the Constitution of the
3 United States and the laws of the Territory; (c) to appoint the
4 Territorial Librarian for a term of two years.

5 Sec. 4. Territorial Librarian; qualifications; duties.

6 Under the general policy direction of the Board, the Territorial
7 Librarian shall be the head of the Library Service Department
8 and shall be fully responsible for the effective development and
9 control of this department. The Librarian shall be a citizen
10 of the United States, a graduate of a Library School accredited
11 by the American Library Association, and shall have had at least
12 three years' experience in a public library.

13 The Librarian shall keep a record of the proceedings of
14 the Board, keep an accurate account of its financial trans-
15 actions, and perform such other duties as said Board may assign;
16 the Librarian shall be authorized to sign the vouchers for all
17 expenditures made in connection with the Department of Library
18 Service.

19 Sec. 5. Department; functions. The Library Service De-
20 partment is hereby authorized and directed to undertake library
21 service functions which will benefit the Territory and its citi-
22 zens, including: (a) to coordinate library services of the
23 Territory with the other educational services and agencies so
24 as to increase effectiveness and to avoid waste and duplication;
25 (b) to provide reference library service to Territorial and
26 other public officials; (c) to provide library service and ad-
27 minister Territorial grants-in-aid to libraries to supplement
28 and improve their services, and to provide service directly to
29 areas in which there is not sufficient population or local

1 revenue to support independent library units, such grants to be
2 paid from funds appropriated for that purpose, or from other
3 funds that are available for that purpose; (d) to issue finan-
4 cial aid to municipally-owned libraries for their service to
5 surrounding areas under rules and regulations promulgated by
6 the Board; (e) to serve as a clearing house and offer a consul-
7 tant service on library problems to Territorial libraries and
8 municipal libraries, community libraries, school libraries, and
9 libraries in unincorporated communities; (f) to cooperate with
10 library agencies of other territories and states and U. S.
11 Government libraries; (g) to recommend to the Governor for pre-
12 sentation to the Legislature, from time to time, such legisla-
13 tion as may be required to carry out the intent of this Act;
14 (h) to prepare the budget required for the Territorial Library
15 Service, whether the funds to be used are to be derived from
16 Federal, Territorial, or private sources; (i) to make applica-
17 tion for, and to receive and expend such Federal, Territorial
18 or private funds as may be available for these purposes; (j) to
19 employ personnel, acquire, build or dispose of real and personal
20 property, as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this
21 Act.

22 Sec. 6. Grant-in-aid; limitation. The Territory of Alaska
23 shall provide, to associations, incorporated under the laws of
24 the Territory, for the purpose of maintaining public libraries,
25 assistance to the extent of paying to such associations a sum
26 equal to the sums which the latter shall expend in purchasing
27 books and magazines for public libraries in the Territory, not
28 to exceed Two Hundred Fifty (\$250,00) Dollars in any one year
29 to each association, in accordance with the rules of the Library

1 Service Department.

2 Sec. 7. Grant-in-aid; application for. Any such associa-
3 tion desiring to receive the benefits of this Act shall file a
4 copy of its articles of incorporation and by-laws with the Terri-
5 torial Librarian, and shall after each election of officers file
6 with the Territorial Librarian a statement showing who are the
7 officers of such association. Each association shall keep an
8 accurate record of monies spent on purchasing books, and on
9 subscriptions for periodicals, together with the record showing
10 authors and titles of books and periodicals purchased. A copy
11 of said records shall be sent to the Territorial Librarian at
12 the close of each fiscal year.

13 Sec. 8. Grant-in-aid; payment. Any association that dur-
14 ing any fiscal year complied with the provisions of this Act and
15 the rules thereunder promulgated by the Board shall be entitled
16 to receive from the Treasurer of the Territory, upon vouchers
17 approved by the Territorial Librarian, the authorized amount of
18 aid, Provided, that no payment made for purchase of any books
19 of a religious or sectarian nature, or for any other property,
20 except books and magazines shall be counted as part of the sums
21 for which reimbursement may be claimed under this Act.

22 Sec. 9. Salaries and appropriations. The minimum salary
23 of the Territorial Librarian shall be \$5,400.00 per annum.
24 Upon the recommendation of the Territorial Librarian, the Board
25 shall determine the number of the staff of the Department of
26 Library Service and the staff salaries, subject to the limita-
27 tions of available appropriations. Funds for the operation of
28 the Department of Library Service and for the expenses of the
29 Board of Library Service shall be appropriated by the Legisla-

1 tura. The agency in charge of the Alaska Office Building shall
2 furnish suitable quarters for the Department of Library Service.

3 Sec. 10. Repealer. Sections 37-12-11 through 37-12-14,
4 Alaska Compiled Laws Annotated, 1949, and Chapter 107, Session
5 Laws of Alaska, 1949, are hereby repealed.

6 Sec. 11. Effective date. This Act shall take effect and
7 be in force from and after its passage and approval, or upon
8 its becoming law without such approval, and it is so enacted.
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