

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR EGAN

2 SENATE BILL NO. 137

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to promote an interest in
7 government for high school students within
8 the Territory of Alaska; providing for the
9 promulgation of rules and regulations
10 therefore; and making provisions for the
11 appropriation of funds."

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

13 Section 1. It is the intent of this Act to stimulate inter-
14 est in their government for Alaska's youthful citizens by pro-
15 viding a means of first hand legislative knowledge for certain
16 high school students within the Territory of Alaska.

17 Section 2. The Commissioner of Education, in cooperation
18 with the Territorial Board of Education, shall promulgate rules
19 and regulations designed to carry out the provisions of this Act.

20 Section 3. Beginning with the 1957 regular Session of the
21 Alaska Legislature and continuing with every regular session of
22 the Alaska Legislature thereafter, students shall be chosen, from
23 each public high school in the Territory of Alaska, to make weekly
24 visits to the legislative sessions of both houses of the Alaska
25 Legislature while said legislature is in regular session at
26 Juneau, the Capital.

27 Section 4. Students chosen to enjoy the opportunity set
28 forth in this Act shall be selected by means of scholastic
29 standings, etc., as promulgated within the authority set forth

1 in Section 2 of this Act. Provided, however, that in no event,
2 shall any public high school in the Territory be deprived of the
3 opportunity to have at least one student visit the Alaska
4 Legislature each biennium.

5 Section 5. No more than eighty students shall be selected
6 to represent the public high schools of Alaska during any one
7 biennial session of the Alaska Legislature; and no more than
8 twenty students shall journey to Alaska's Capital in any one
9 week, under the provisions of this Act.

10 Section 6. All transportation costs for each weekly visit
11 by students shall be borne by the Territory of Alaska. It is the
12 sense of the Alaska Legislature, however, that transportation
13 companies and places of lodging be encouraged to cooperate in
14 whatever extent might be possible in order that costs to the
15 Territory be held to the most reasonable levels. Per diem in an
16 amount not to exceed \$10 per day will be allowed each student
17 for a period of time not to exceed 7 days from the day of
18 departure from schools within the 1st Judicial Division; 8 days
19 from schools within the Third Judicial Division; 9 days from
20 schools within the 4th Judicial Division and 10 days from schools
21 within the Second Judicial Division. Provided, however, that in
22 no event shall the students' actual time spent at the Territory's
23 Capital exceed more than five days. This provision shall in no
24 way prevent the payment of additional per diem if reasonable
25 proof of inclement weather, accident or sickness is presented to
26 the proper Territorial disbursing department.

27 Section 7. Students will be accompanied by not more than
28 two qualified persons who will act in the capacity of guardians
29 during each visit to the Capital city, but who shall not be held

1 responsible for violent or unusual behaviour by any student.
2 Provisions contained in Section 6 shall apply to the guardians
3 in exactly the same manner as they shall apply to students,
4 except that per diem for the guardians shall not exceed \$12 per
5 day.

6 Section 8. Disbursements to carry out the provisions of
7 this Act shall be paid by the Territorial Treasurer on presenta-
8 tion of vouchers certified to by the Commissioner of Education
9 and approved by the Auditor of the Territory of Alaska. Provided
10 that local school boards, functioning under the laws of Alaska,
11 are hereby authorized to make reasonable per diem advances to
12 students who qualify under the provisions of this Act. When
13 such an advance is made by a school board, the board shall,
14 immediately, notify the Commissioner of Education by wire or
15 other speediest means of communication, setting forth the names
16 of students receiving advances, etc. Reimbursement to local
17 school boards is hereby authorized in the same manner as if per
18 diem were being paid directly to the student.

19 Section 9. Funds for carrying out the provisions of this Act
20 shall be appropriated in the General Appropriations Bill of the
21 Alaska Legislature.
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