

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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HOUSE BILL NO. 15

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

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A BILL :

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the eligibility for

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admission of attorneys to the Alaska Bar;

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repealing Sec. 9 of Ch. 196, SLA 1955

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and enacting a new Sec. 9 in lieu thereof;

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and establishing an effective date."

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

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Section 1. Sec. 9 of Ch. 196, SLA 1955 is repealed and a

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new Sec. 9 in lieu thereof is enacted to read as follows:

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Sec. 9. Eligibility for admission. Any person may

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apply and shall be eligible for admission to the Alaska Bar

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upon examination or by reciprocity as provided in this Act,

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if such person (1) is a citizen of the United States, over

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21 years of age, and has been a resident of Alaska for at

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least 90 days prior to the date set for examination for admis-

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sion, or the date of certification by the Board of Governors

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if the person may be admitted on reciprocity; and (2) is a

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graduate of a law school approved by the American Bar Associ-

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ation, or is an attorney in good standing in the Bar of

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another state or territory, or has completed a clerkship in

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the manner which was required by Sec. 35-2-44, ACLA 1949,

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which clerkship was commenced prior to January 1, 1956.

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(a) Reciprocity. Attorneys in good standing in

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the Bar of another state or territory or the District

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of Columbia, which admits members of the Alaska Bar to

1 the practice of law therein, shall be admitted without  
2 examination and otherwise upon substantially the same  
3 terms and conditions as are fixed in their respective  
4 N jurisdictions for the admission of attorneys from Alaska;  
5 E Provided, however, that as a prerequisite to admission  
6 W to the Alaska Bar the Board may require any such  
7 attorneys to take and pass a written examination when,  
8 M in the judgment of the Board, the facts of any particu-  
9 A lar case indicate that the best interests of the public  
10 T and of the Alaska Bar will be served by first testing  
11 T by means of such written examination such attorneys'  
12 E qualifications to engage in the practice of law in  
13 R Alaska.

14 (b) EXAMINATION. All other applicants for admis-  
15 sion to the Alaska Bar shall, before being certified by  
16 the Board for admission, take and pass an examination  
17 in the manner required pursuant to this Act.

18 Sec. 2. Except as used in Sec. 5 hereof, the term "Act" as  
19 used herein shall be deemed to refer to Ch. 196, SLA 1955.

20 Sec. 3. The effective date of this Act shall be April 1,  
21 1957.