

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR 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 and

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enacting a new Sec. 9 in lieu thereof."

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 Sec. 9 of Ch. 196, SLA 1955 is repealed and a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

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admission, or the date of certification by the Board of Gov-

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ernors that the person may be admitted on reciprocity; and

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(2) is a graduate of a law school approved by the American

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Bar Association, or is an attorney in good standing in the

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Bar of another state or territory, or has completed a clerk-

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

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1949, 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

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the practice of law therein, shall be admitted without

1 examination and otherwise upon substantially the same
2 terms and conditions as are fixed in their respective
3 jurisdictions for the admission of attorneys from
4 Alaska; Provided, however, that as a prerequisite to
5 admission to the Alaska Bar the Board may require any
6 such attorneys to take and pass a written examination
7 when, in the judgment of the Board, the facts of any
8 particular case indicate that the best interests of
9 the public and of the Alaska Bar will be served by
10 first testing by means of such written examination
11 such attorneys' qualifications and fitness to engage
12 in the practice of law in Alaska. This proviso shall
13 not be applicable to those attorneys whose applications
14 were filed with the Board prior to the effective date
15 of this Act.

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

20 Secs 2. The term "Act" as used herein shall be deemed to
21 refer to Ch. 196, SLA 1955.