

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATORS NOLAN, BULLOCK,  
AND COOPER BY REQUEST

2 SENATE BILL NO. 13

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

A BILL

5 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the inspection of public  
6 records, and providing exceptions; amending  
7 Sec. 58-1-2, ACLA 1949, as amended by Ch. 32,  
8 SIA 1955."  
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

11 Section 1. Sec. 58-1-2, ACLA 1949 as amended by Ch. 32,  
12 SIA 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 Sec. 58-1-2. RIGHT TO INSPECTION AND CERTIFIED COPY:  
14 RIGHT TO MAKE COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS. Every person has a  
15 right to inspect any public writing or record in said Ter-  
16 ritory, including public writings and records in recorders'  
17 offices ~~and~~ except (1) records of vital statistics and  
18 adoption proceedings which shall be treated in the manner  
19 required by Section 21, Chapter 119, Session Laws of Alaska  
20 of 1949, (2) records pertaining to juveniles, (3) records  
21 transmitted to the Territory by any Federal Agency, which  
22 Agency requires said records to remain confidential. [ AND  
23 EVERY ] Every public officer having the custody of records  
24 not included in the exceptions [ THEREOF ] is bound to permit  
25 such inspection, and to give on demand and on payment of the  
26 legal fees therefor a certified copy of such writing or  
27 record, and such copy shall in all cases be evidence of the  
28 original. Recorders shall permit memorandums, transcripts,  
29 and copies of such public writings and records in their  
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1 offices to be made by photography or otherwise for the pur-  
2 pose of examining titles to real estate described therein,  
3 making abstracts of title or guaranteeing or insuring the  
4 titles thereof, or building and maintaining title and  
5 abstract plants, and shall furnish proper and reasonable  
6 facilities therefor to persons having lawful occasion for  
7 access thereto for such purposes, subject to such reasonable  
8 rules and regulations, in conformity to the direction of the  
9 court, as shall be necessary for the protection of such  
10 writings and records and to prevent interference with the  
11 regular discharge of the duties of such recorders and their  
12 employees.

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