

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATORS NOLAN, BULLOCK,
AND COOPER BY REQUEST

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SENATE BILL NO. 13

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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 inspection of public records, and providing exceptions; amending Sec. 58-1-2, ACLA 1949, as amended by Ch. 32, SLA 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 SLA 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 58-1-2. RIGHT TO INSPECTION AND CERTIFIED COPY:

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RIGHT TO MAKE COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS, Every person has a

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right to inspect any public writing or record in said Ter-

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ritory, including public writings and records in recorders'

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offices [,] except: (1) records of vital statistics and

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adoption proceedings which shall be treated in the manner

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required by Section 21, Chapter 119, Session Laws of Alaska

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of 1949, (2) records pertaining to juveniles, (3) medical

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and related public health records, (4) records transmitted

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to the Territory by any Federal Agency, which agency requires

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said records to remain confidential. [AND EVERY] Every

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public officer having the custody of records not included

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in the exceptions [THEREOF] is bound to permit such in-

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spection, and to give on demand and on payment of the legal

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fees therefor a certified copy of such writing or record,

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and such copy shall in all cases be evidence of the original.

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Recorders shall permit memorandums, transcripts, and copies

1 of such public writings and records in their offices to
2 be made by photography or otherwise for the purpose of
3 examining titles to real estate described therein; making
4 abstracts of title or guaranteeing or insuring the titles
5 thereof, or building and maintaining title and abstract
6 plants, and shall furnish proper and reasonable facilities
7 therefor to persons having lawful occasion for access thereto
8 for such purposes, subject to such reasonable rules and
9 regulations, in conformity to the direction of the court,
10 as shall be necessary for the protection of such writings
11 and records and to prevent interference with the regular
12 discharge of the duties of such recorders and their employees.
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