IN THE SENATE BY SENATORS NOLAN, BULLOCK, AND COOPER BY REQUEST

SENATE BILL NO. 13

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

A BILL

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."

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

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

Sec. 58-1-2. RIGHT TO INSPECTION AND CERTIFIED COPY: RIGHT TO MAKE COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS. Every person has a right to inspect any public writing or record in said Territory, including public writings and records in recorders' offices [,] except: (1) records of vital statistics and adoption proceedings which shall be treated in the manner required by Section 21, Chapter 119, Session Laws of Alaska of 1949, (2) records pertaining to juveniles, (3) medical and related public health records, (4) records transmitted to the Territory of Alaska by any Federal agency, which records are required to be kept confidential by any Federal law or regulation or by Territorial law. [AND EVERY] Every public officer having the custody of records not included in the exceptions [THEREOF] is bound to permit such inspection, and to give on demand and on payment of the legal fees therefor a certified copy of such writing or record, and such copy shall in all cases be evidence of the original.

SB #13 as amended by the House

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