

BY SENATOR MCNEES
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 110

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to provide a special fund for the
7 emergency construction and equipping of
8 school facilities in unincorporated areas."

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

10 Section 1. PURPOSE. The intent of this Act is to create
11 an emergency fund for school construction and equipping in rural
12 and outlying areas which suffer an unanticipated and continuing
13 increase in pupil population, manifesting an immediate need of
14 new or additional school facilities.

15 Sec. 2. PETITIONING BOARD OF EDUCATION. Every unorganized
16 community, outside a school district or other political subdivi-
17 sion, which has the written affirmative approval of at least the
18 majority of those bona fide voting residents living within a
19 radius of three miles of a proposed site for a school building
20 and which has available funds in trust or in the form of a pledge
21 bond, issued by an approved surety, in a specified amount of not
22 less than \$5,000.00, may petition the Territorial Board of Educa-
23 tion in writing for Territorial participation in the constructing
24 and equipping of a Territorial School.

25 Sec. 3. FILING PETITION. The petition filed with the Board
26 shall include such information as may be prescribed by the Board.

27 Sec. 4. EXTENT OF TERRITORIAL PARTICIPATION. If the Terri-
28 torial Board of Education finds that a school building and equip-
29 ment are urgently needed and that the proposed type, kind, quality,

1 size and estimated cost of the building and equipment set forth
2 in the petition are suitable for the proposed curriculum and meet
3 all other lawfully established standards and requirements so as
4 to most efficiently serve the pupils in the specified area and
5 that other adequate arrangements are available to assist in
6 financing the project, the said Territorial Board may agree on
7 behalf of the Territory to contribute an amount up to 45% of the
8 total cost of such constructing and equipping.

9 Sec. 5. AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN MATCHING FUNDS. The Territorial
10 Board of Education may assist and take such action as it deems
11 appropriate to secure Federal or other funds to complete the
12 construction and equipping of a rural school.

13 Sec. 6. INCORPORATING AS A SCHOOL DISTRICT. Upon the
14 completion of the construction and equipping of a school building
15 under the provisions of this Act, the local community shall im-
16 mediately establish and incorporate a school district in the manner
17 required by law; providing, however, the Territory, through the
18 Board of Education may give such financial assistance as it may
19 deem necessary, for a period of three years following such in-
20 corporation.

21 Sec. 7. AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION. Funds to carry out
22 the provisions of this Act may be appropriated in the General
23 Appropriation Act of the Alaska Legislature, and shall be placed
24 in a special fund for the purposes set forth above.