

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. GIERSDORF

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 51

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act changing the age of majority from
7 twenty-one years to nineteen years for
8 certain purposes; amending Sec. 20-1-1,
9 Sec. 55-2-15, and Sec. 62-1-4, ACLA 1949;
10 and providing for an effective date."

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

12 Section 1. Sec. 20-1-1, ACLA 1949, is hereby amended to read
13 as follows:

14 Sec. 20-1-1. AGE OF MAJORITY: RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES.

15 In the State ~~TERRITORY~~ all persons shall be deemed to have
16 arrived at majority at the age of nineteen ~~TWENTY-ONE~~ years,
17 and thereafter shall have control of their own actions and
18 business and have all the rights and be subject to all the
19 liabilities of citizens of full age, except as otherwise
20 provided by statute.

21 Sec. 2. Sec. 55-2-15, ACLA 1949, is hereby amended to read
22 as follows:

23 Sec. 55-2-15. EXCEPTIONS AS TO PERSONS UNDER LEGAL
24 DISABILITY. If any person entitled to bring an action
25 mentioned in this article, or to recover real property, or
26 for a penalty or forfeiture, or against a marshal or other
27 officer for an escape, be at the time the cause of action
28 accrued, either --

29 First. Under the age of nineteen ~~TWENTY-ONE~~ years;

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Second. Insane; or

Third. Imprisoned on a criminal charge, or in execution under sentence of a court for a term less than his natural life.

The time of such disability shall not be a part of the time limited for the commencement of the action, but the period within which the action shall be brought shall not be extended in any case longer than two years after such disability ceases.

Sec. 3. Sec. 62-1-4, ACLA 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 62-1-4. POWERS AND DUTIES OF GUARDIANS: RIGHT OF PARENTS TO CUSTODY AND EDUCATION. Every guardian so appointed shall have the custody and tuition of the minor and the care and management of his estate, and shall continue in office until the minor shall have arrived at the age of nineteen ~~[TWENTY-ONE]~~ years, or until the guardian shall have been discharged according to law: Provided, however, the father of the minor, if living, and in case of his death the mother, while she remains unmarried, being themselves respectively competent to transact their own business, shall be entitled to the custody of the person of the minor and to the care of his education.

This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Passed by the House February 20, 1959