

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 402

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to land development and
7 disposal for livestock raising purposes and
8 creating a revolving fund."

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

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Section 1. This Act may be cited as the Alaska Land Develop-
11 ment Act.

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Sec. 2. It is declared to be the policy of this Act to pro-
13 vide for the rapid disposition and utilization of Alaska land
14 for the livestock raising industry, including but not limited to
15 cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, goats and fowls.

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Sec. 3. The Department of Natural Resources shall administer
17 the provisions of this Act.

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Sec. 4. The division of lands within the Department of
19 Natural Resources shall have the following powers:

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(1) to determine the basic economic unit hereunder not
21 to exceed 640 acres and notwithstanding any other provision of law

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(2) to determine, through the most economic means
23 available, the method, manner, and extent of developing this land;

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(3) to make expenditures from the Alaska Land Develop-
25 ment Fund incidental hereto;

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(4) to convey the land hereunder to a qualified appli-
27 cant for the development costs, subject to provisions of this Act
28 and the reservations contained in the Alaska Land Act;

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(5) to enter into agreements with private institutions,

1 other state agencies, or the federal government to carry out the
2 purposes of this Act.

3 Sec. 5. The division of agriculture within the Department
4 of Natural resources shall have the following powers:

5 (1) to accept applications for this land from natural
6 persons only;

7 (2) to determine whether the individual applicant is
8 qualified by past experience and education, and possesses the
9 financial ability to make the initial payment plus a like amount
10 for use as operating capital;

11 (3) to determine by method of a public drawing, should
12 there be more than one qualified applicant, the successful appli-
13 cant to a given parcel of developed land hereunder.

14 Sec. 6. Disposition of developed land hereunder shall be
15 subject to the following terms and conditions:

16 (1) upon awarding of a parcel of land the successful
17 applicant shall deposit with the director, division of lands, in
18 cash, certified check, or by cashier's check, an amount equal to
19 one-tenth of the development costs;

20 (2) concurrently with the conveyance of the land here-
21 under the state shall accept a mortgage for reimbursement of the
22 unpaid balance of the development costs with provision for delayed
23 payment of principal and/or interest for a period or periods not
24 not to exceed five years. Any such mortgage shall not exceed
25 20 years with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum;

26 (3) the land conveyed shall not be utilized for other
27 than the stock raising industry or be subdivided for a minimum
28 period of 20 years save and except for governmental purposes;

29 (4) the land conveyed hereunder shall not be conveyed

1 or transferred to a tax exempt entity for a minimum period of 20
2 years save and except for governmental purposes;

3 (5) any obligation assumed hereunder shall not limit
4 or prohibit the participation in any other assistance program;

5 (6) if the land conveyed hereunder is not used for
6 stock raising purposes for any given crop season, unless such
7 non use is approved by the director of the division of agriculture,
8 the land shall revert to the state and the owner shall forfeit
9 any and all interest therein.

10 Sec. 7. Rules and regulations necessary to carry out the
11 purposes of this Act may be adopted.

12 Sec. 8. There is hereby created the Alaska Land Development
13 Fund which shall not exceed \$5,000,000.00 to carry out the pur-
14 poses and provisions of this Act.

15 Sec. 9. Violation of any provision of this Act or the terms
16 of the mortgage shall subject the owner to appropriate legal
17 action, including but not limited to a foreclosure action in
18 accordance with appropriate Alaska law.
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