

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 402

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

10 Section 1. The purpose of this Act is to provide for the
11 orderly disposition and development of state lands that are suit-
12 able for agriculture and to authorize the use of state funds to
13 develop state agricultural land.

14 Sec. 2. There is hereby authorized an appropriation of not
15 to exceed \$5,000,000 to be used to carry out the purposes of this
16 Act and to be known as the "Agricultural Land Development Fund."

17 Sec. 3. The Commissioner of Natural Resources may select
18 any state land that has been classified for agricultural purposes
19 and further classify such land for agricultural development units.

20 Sec. 4. Agricultural development units shall be of such
21 size as to form an economic unit when fully developed.

22 Sec. 5. The commissioner may expend funds from the Agricul-
23 tural Land Development Fund to develop agricultural units by
24 clearing land, draining wet land, constructing access roads or by
25 making such other improvements as may be required to place the
26 land in production and that can reasonably be expected to be
27 recovered with the sale of the land and improvements.

28 Sec. 6. Agricultural development units may be sold by the
29 state under applicable land laws at not less than the appraised

1 price which shall include the cost to the state of all improve-
2 ments.

3 Sec. 7. The sale of agricultural development units may be
4 restricted to persons selected by the commissioner when he deems
5 it to be in the best interest of the land development program.

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