

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 231

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to recognize, reward and encourage
7 native artists by the selection of choice
8 examples of Alaskan native arts and crafts
9 and for their display at the Century 21
10 Exposition and at other places."

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

12 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDING AND INTENT. The legislature
13 finds that Alaska has a diminishing reservoir of native artists and
14 artisans whose skills should be recognized and rewarded so that
15 their abilities will be appreciated and Alaska's treasury of native
16 arts and crafts will not be depleted and lost because of economic
17 and social changes in the state. In order to spark statewide
18 interest in native arts and crafts and with the hope of continuing
19 this interest, the legislature proposes that competitions be held
20 each summer to select the finest examples of our native art and
21 that the pieces selected in the summer of 1961 be placed on display
22 at the Alaska exhibit at the Century 21 Exposition.

23 Sec. 2. DIRECTOR OF TOURISM TO DIRECT PROGRAM. a. The
24 director of tourism shall direct a continuing program of competi-
25 tions to be held each summer to select outstanding examples of
26 Alaskan native arts and crafts. He shall initiate the first com-
27 petition to be held in the summer of 1961 to select items which
28 shall be displayed subsequently at the Alaska exhibit at the
29 Century 21 Exposition.

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1 b. The director, together with a committee from the Alaska
2 Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood appointed by their councils from
3 among the memberships of those organizations, shall promulgate
4 rules and regulations for the competitions providing for, but not
5 limited to, the following:

- 6 (1) eligibility requirements for entrants;
- 7 (2) categories for entry, such as basketwork, wood
8 carving, pottery, stone work, ivory work, painting, and so forth;
- 9 (3) criterion for selecting category winners and grand
10 prize winners;
- 11 (4) transportation and display of entries;
- 12 (5) prizes and awards for winning entrants which are
13 restricted to ribbons, cups, plaques, and so forth;
- 14 (6) preparation of entry forms which shall
 - 15 (a) give the name and mailing address of the
16 entrant,
 - 17 (b) show that each entry is the work of the entrant,
 - 18 (c) give the minimum price that the entrant will
19 accept for his entry,
 - 20 (d) provide the entrant with a choice of having
21 his entry sold, retained for display by the state, or returned
22 to the entrant,
 - 23 (e) identify and describe the entry;
- 24 (7) restricting the entrant from entering competitions
25 in more than one region.

26 Sec. 3. REGIONAL COMPETITIONS. There shall be four regional
27 competitions to be held each summer beginning in 1961 in the
28 Southeastern, Southcentral, Central and Northwestern Senatorial
29 districts. First place and honorable mention awards shall be

1 made in each category and one grand prize award and one honorable
2 mention award shall be made for each region.

3 Sec. 4. LOCATION OF COMPETITIONS. The director of tourism
4 shall solicit invitations from the larger communities within each
5 of the regions for holding the regional competition. The community
6 within each region which offers the best facilities and the great-
7 est measure of cooperation for conducting the competition shall be
8 selected as the location of the regional competition.

9 Sec. 5. JUDGES. Judges at the regional competitions shall be
10 selected by the director of tourism and composed of a panel of
11 five, two of whom shall be selected from nominees of the Alaska
12 Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood and three of whom shall be
13 selected by the director on the basis of their knowledge and appre-
14 ciation of Alaskan native arts and crafts and of art in general.

15 Sec. 6. SALES OF ENTRIES. Entries not selected for display
16 purposes may be sold for no less than the price set by the entrant
17 on the entry form and shall be transferred to the purchaser by
18 competition officials upon receipt of a money order or cashier's
19 check made out to the entrant who submitted the entry purchased.

20 Sec. 7. COPYRIGHTS. The director of tourism shall secure
21 copyrights on all entries selected for display at the Alaska ex-
22 hibit at the Century 21 Exposition for the entrants.

23 Sec. 8. OTHER DISPLAYS. The director of tourism may display
24 or authorize the display of entries at places other than the
25 regional competitions and the Century 21 Exposition.

26 Sec. 9. GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE. The director of tourism may
27 accept grants of money and other assistance from private persons
28 and in groups, from political subdivisions of this state, or from
29 others in order to conduct and promote annual competitions and

1 displays.

2 Sec. 10. TEMPORARY CUSTODY. In order that the competitions
3 may be held without undue disruption and in order that winning
4 items may be displayed at the Alaska exhibit at the Century 21
5 Exposition or at other places, all entries submitted for judging
6 shall be held in temporary custody by the state until such time
7 as they are no longer needed for display, at which time they shall
8 be disposed of in accordance with the wishes of the entrant as
9 set forth on the entry form.

10 Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the day
11 after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law with-
12 out such approval.

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