

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 54

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the inspection of public
7 records and providing exceptions; amending
8 Sec. 55-1-2, ACLA 1949 as amended by Sec. 1,
9 Ch. 32, SLA 1955 and Sec. 1, Ch. 54, SLA
10 1957; and providing for an effective date."

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

12 Section 1. Sec. 55-1-2, ACLA 1949 as amended by Sec. 1,
13 Ch. 32, SLA 1955 and Sec. 1, Ch. 54, SLA 1957 is amended to read
14 as follows:

15 Sec. 58-1-2. RIGHT TO INSPECTION AND CERTIFIED COPY:
16 RIGHT TO MAKE COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS. Every person has a
17 right to inspect any public writing or record in the State
18 of Alaska [SAID TERRITORY], including public writings and
19 records in recorders' offices except: (1) records of vital
20 statistics and adoption proceedings which shall be treated
21 in the manner required by Sec. 27, Ch. 118, SLA 1960 [SEC-
22 TION 21, CHAPTER 119, SESSION LAWS OF ALASKA OF 1949], (2)
23 records pertaining to juveniles, (3) medical and related
24 public health records, (4) records required to be kept
25 confidential by any Federal law or regulation or by State
26 [TERRITORIAL] law, (5) criminal history and identification
27 records kept by the Department of Public Safety or the
28 police organizations of the political subdivisions of the
29 state. Every public officer having the custody of records

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not included in the exceptions is bound to permit such inspection, and to give on demand and on payment of the legal fees therefor a certified copy of such writing or record, and such copy shall in all cases be evidence of the original. Recorders shall permit memoranda, transcripts, and copies of such public writings and records in their offices to be made by photography or otherwise for the purpose of examining titles to real estate described therein, making abstracts of title or guaranteeing or insuring the titles thereof, or building and maintaining title and abstract plants, and shall furnish proper and reasonable facilities therefor to persons having lawful occasion for access thereto for such purposes, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations, in conformity to the direction of the court, as shall be necessary for the protection of such writings and records and to prevent interference with the regular discharge of the duties of such recorders and their employees.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.