

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. BLODGETT

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 133

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 Alaska Bar Associ-
7 ation and the effect of failing the
8 admission examination three times; amending
9 Subsecs. (a) and (b), Sec. 9, Ch. 196, SLA
10 1955, as last amended by Sec. 4, Ch. 178,
11 SLA 1960; and providing for an effective
12 date."

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

14 Section 1. Subsecs. (a) and (b), Sec. 9, Ch. 196, SLA 1955,
15 as amended by Sec. 1, Ch. 33, SLA 1957, as amended by Sec. 4,
16 Ch. 178, SLA 1960, are amended to read:

17 (a) RECIPROACITY. Attorneys in good standing in the
18 Bar of another state or territory or the District of
19 Columbia, which admits members of the Alaska Bar to the
20 practice of law therein, shall be admitted without examina-
21 tion and otherwise upon substantially the same terms and
22 conditions as are fixed in their respective jurisdictions
23 for the admission of attorneys from Alaska; Provided, how-
24 ever, that as a prerequisite to admission to the Alaska Bar
25 the Board shall require any such attorneys to take and pass
26 an examination, unless the applicant has (1) passed a state
27 bar examination, (2) engaged in the active practice of law
28 for at least five out of the previous six years before fil-
29 ing the application, excluding time spent in the military

1 service of the United States, (3) is a graduate of a law
2 school accredited by the American Bar Association; provided
3 that ten years active practice of law shall be deemed
4 equivalent to graduation from an accredited law school for
5 the purposes of this subsection, and (4) meets the character
6 requirements determined by the Board. This proviso shall
7 not be applicable to those attorneys whose applications were
8 completely submitted prior to May 29, 1959, but shall be
9 applicable to those attorneys whose applications were or are
10 completed thereafter. No attorney may be admitted by reci-
11 procity who has failed the Alaska Bar examination.

12 (b) EXAMINATION. All other applicants for admission
13 to the Alaska Bar shall, before being certified by the
14 Board for admission, take and pass an examination in the
15 manner required pursuant to this Act. No one may take the
16 examination more than three times.

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