

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. TILLION

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HOUSE BILL NO. 305

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the conveyance by the
7 state of certain tracts of land to persons
8 holding them."

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

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* Section 1. AS 38.05 is amended by adding a new section to

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read:

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Sec. 38.05.323. TRANSFER OF LAND TO CERTAIN CLAIMANTS.

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(a) The director shall convey to a claimant qualified under
14 this section the land to which he lays claim, not to exceed
15 160 acres, upon application and payment of the necessary costs
16 of survey and administration, as soon as possible after
17 patent is received by the state.

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(b) A person is a qualified claimant under this section
19 if from January 1, 1950, or before, until the time of appli-
20 cation, he or the persons, mediate or immediate, from whom
21 control of the land passed to him held a tract of public land
22 in good faith and in peaceful adverse possession, and if

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(1) some significant part of the land has been
24 reduced to cultivation, or

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(2) valuable improvements have been placed on the
26 land, or

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(3) taxes levied on the land by the state and
28 local governments have been regularly paid.

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(c) If there is a conflicting claim adverse to that of

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the applicant, title may not be transferred until the claim has been finally adjudicated in favor of the claimant.

(d) In determining the boundaries of the tract of land to which the claimant is entitled, the director may use legal instruments of public record or other reliable sources of information.

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