

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR BLODGETT
2 SENATE BILL NO. 137

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state regulation of
7 attorneys; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 08 is amended by adding a new chapter to
11 read:

12 CHAPTER 10.

13 Sec. 08.10.010. LICENSE. (a) No person may practice
14 as an attorney or counselor at law in this state without
15 having previously obtained a license for that purpose from
16 the supreme court of this state.

17 (b) No person may receive compensation directly or
18 indirectly for legal services other than a regularly li-
19 censed attorney.

20 (c) A license shall constitute the person receiving
21 the same as an attorney and counselor at law and to demand
22 and receive fees for any services which he may render as
23 an attorney and counselor at law in this state.

24 (d) A person practicing, charging or receiving fees
25 for legal services in this state, either directly or in-
26 directly, without being licensed to practice as required
27 by this section, is guilty of contempt of court and shall
28 be punished accordingly, upon information being filed in
29 any superior court of this state. The proceedings shall be

1 conducted in the judicial district where the alleged con-
2 tempt has been committed.

3 Sec. 08.10.020. ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSE. No person
4 may receive a license unless he is a citizen of the United
5 States, a resident of the state, over 21 years of age, has
6 passed a bar examination given by the supreme court or is
7 admitted by reciprocity, and meets the character require-
8 ments established by the supreme court.

9 Sec. 08.10.030. RECIPROCITY. An attorney in good
10 standing in the bar of another state or territory or the
11 District of Columbia which admits persons licensed to prac-
12 tice law in this state to the practice of law shall be ad-
13 mitted without examination and otherwise upon substantially
14 the same terms and conditions as are fixed in the jurisdic-
15 tion from which he has come for the admission of attorneys
16 from this state. However, the applicant may be required to
17 take and pass an examination if he has not engaged in the
18 active practice of law for at least five out of the previous
19 six years before filing the application, excluding time
20 spent in the military service of the United States.

21 Sec. 08.10.040. DISCIPLINE. The supreme court may
22 disbar, or suspend the license of, a person licensed to
23 practice law in the state or reinstate a person who has
24 been suspended or disbarred and shall promulgate rules
25 setting out the grounds for the same.

26 Sec. 08.10.050. FEES. The annual license fee
27 for persons licensed to practice law in this state is \$25.
28 An applicant for a license shall pay \$100 to defray ex-
29 penses of the procedure for admission. This fee shall not

1 be returned if the person is not licensed.

2 Sec. 08.10.060. PARTY AS ATTORNEY. Any party in an
3 action or proceeding may represent himself without being
4 licensed to practice law.

5 Sec. 08.10.070. OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEYS. A member of
6 the bar in good standing in another jurisdiction may appear
7 in the courts of the state under rules promulgated by the
8 supreme court.

9 Sec. 08.10.080. RULES. The supreme court may adopt
10 rules to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

11 * Sec. 2. AS 08.08 is repealed.

12 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1965.

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