

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR HANSEN

2 SENATE BILL NO. 162

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 land preference rights  
7 for unoccupied land for agricultural  
8 purposes."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 38.05 is amended by adding a new section to  
11 read:

12 Sec. 38.05.069 ✓ PREFERENCE TO PERSONS FOR AGRICULTURAL  
13 PURPOSES. (a) A person owning and using or using land for  
14 agricultural purposes shall have a 60-day first option to  
15 purchase unoccupied land situated adjacent to or in the ap-  
16 proximate vicinity of his presently held land. The unoccu-  
17 pied land shall be used in connection with his agricultural  
18 business at the time of purchase.

19 (b) The exercise of a first option under (a) of this  
20 section shall be taken up by the director in the order re-  
21 ceived, except that Alaska veterans, residents of the state,  
22 and citizens of the United States are to be given precedence  
23 in that order consistent with (a) of this section.

24 (c) The director shall sell the lands under this sec-  
25 tion at their fair appraised market value. The director shall  
26 make regulations necessary to ensure that lands sold under  
27 this section are for bona fide agricultural purposes and not  
28 for speculation.

29 (d) When not in conflict with this section, other

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provisions of secs. 45 - 67 of this chapter apply to sales under this section.

(e) For the purposes of this section, (1) "agricultural purposes" includes farming, ranching, grazing, and storage or control of agricultural crops or livestock; (2) "approximate vicinity" includes an area in which the land does not have a common boundary to presently held land or in which the land is physically separated from presently held land by any type of a barrier.