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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 762

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the office of public administrator."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 22.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 ARTICLE 4. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR.

10 Sec. 22.20.150. APPOINTMENT. When authorized by the supreme  
11 court, the presiding judge of the superior court in each judicial  
12 district shall appoint a person to act as public administrator of the  
13 estates of deceased persons and as coroner.

14 Sec. 22.20.160. ADMINISTRATION OF DECEDENTS' ESTATES. When  
15 letters of administration are issued to a public administrator by the  
16 superior court in his district, the public administrator is the legal  
17 custodian of and shall administer the estates of deceased persons who  
18 leave property within the district. Letters of administration shall be  
19 issued to the public administrator when (1) administration of a  
20 decedent's estate is required by law, and (2) a period of 30 days has  
21 elapsed from the date of death with no letters testamentary or letters  
22 of administration having been applied for and issued to any other person  
23 entitled by law to administer the estate of the deceased person. Ex-  
24 cept as otherwise provided in secs. 150 - 190 of this chapter, a public  
25 administrator shall administer estates as other administrators, and  
26 has all the rights and authority, and is subject to all the duties and  
27 liabilities of other administrators.

28 Sec. 22.20.170. BOND. Before entering upon his duties, a public  
29 administrator shall execute and file with the administrative director

1 of the court system a surety bond in the form and amount to be  
2 determined by rule of the supreme court. The costs of the bond shall  
3 be paid by the court system.

4 Sec. 22.20.180. COMPENSATION. A public administrator is entitled  
5 to annual compensation in an amount to be determined by the supreme  
6 court, and he is not entitled to fees as other administrators.

7 Sec. 22.20.190. DUTIES AS CORONER. In addition to his other  
8 duties, a public administrator shall perform the duties set out in  
9 AS 22.15.110.