

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR 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 22.15 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 ARTICLE 20. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR.

10 Sec. 22.15.310. APPOINTMENT. When authorized by the supreme
11 court, the presiding judge of the district court in each judicial dis-
12 trict shall appoint a person to act as public administrator of the
13 estates of deceased persons and as coroner.

14 Sec. 22.15.320. 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, (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, and
24 (3) the gross value of the estate does not exceed \$3,000.00. Ex-
25 cept as otherwise provided in secs. 310 - 350 of this chapter, a public
26 administrator shall administer estates as other administrators, and
27 has all the rights and authority, and is subject to all the duties and
28 liabilities of other administrators.

29 Sec. 22.15.330. BOND. Before entering upon his duties, a public

1 administrator shall execute and file with the administrative director
2 of the court system a surety bond in the form and amount to be
3 determined by rule of the supreme court. The costs of the bond shall
4 be paid by the court system.

5 Sec. 22.15.340. COMPENSATION. A public administrator is entitled
6 to annual compensation in an amount to be determined by the supreme
7 court, and he is not entitled to fees as other administrators.

8 Sec. 22.15.350. DUTIES AS CORONER. In addition to his other
9 duties, a public administrator shall perform the duties set out in
10 sec. 110 of this chapter.
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