

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 544

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring title insurance companies to have a
7 title plant; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 21.66 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 21.66.025. TITLE PLANT. In addition to the capital and
11 guaranty deposit required by this chapter every title insurance company
12 or its authorized agent shall maintain and own not less than a 40 per
13 cent interest in a title plant consisting of a general name index,
14 adequate maps and currently posted tract or geographic indexes for
15 the recording districts in which it or its agent has offices. A title
16 plant shall be considered an asset valued at not more than its actual
17 cost for the purposes of this chapter.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 21.66.090(a) is amended to read:

19 (a) Every company, before engaging in a title insurance business
20 in this state, shall apply to the director for a certificate of
21 authority to transact business. The company shall submit with the
22 application a statement sworn to by the proper officers of the company
23 showing its assets and liabilities and that it has complied with the
24 capital and title plant requirements and initial guarantee fund deposit
25 prescribed by this chapter.

26 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approv-
27 al or on the day it becomes law without approval.
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