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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 299

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the issuance of general obliga-
7 tion bonds in the amount of \$25,000,000 for the purpose
8 of making capital improvements to the state ferry
9 system; and providing for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. For the purpose of paying the cost of making capital improve-
12 ments to the state ferry system, general obligation bonds of the state in the
13 principal amount of not more than \$25,000,000 shall be issued and sold. The
14 full faith, credit and resources of the state are pledged to the payment of
15 the principal of and interest and redemption premium, if any, on these bonds.
16 These bonds shall be issued under the provisions of AS 37.15 as those provi-
17 sions read at the time of issuance.

18 * Sec. 2. If the issuance of these bonds is authorized by the qualified
19 voters of the state, a special fund of the state to be known as the "1976
20 Ferry Construction Fund" shall be established, to which shall be credited the
21 proceeds of the sale of the bonds described in sec. 1 of this Act except for
22 the accrued interest and premiums. There is appropriated from the "1976
23 Ferry Construction Fund" to the Department of Public Works, division of
24 marine transportation, the amount of \$25,000,000. The proceeds of these
25 bonds shall be used to extend the state ferry system to the Alaska Peninsula
26 and the Aleutian Islands and be limited to the following projects and esti-
27 mates:

28 (1) \$20,000,000 - designing, acquiring, constructing and equipping
29 a United States Coast Guard ocean-going certified ferry vessel of the

1 TUSTUMENA-class, for use between Kenai Peninsula, Cook Inlet and Kodiak
2 Island ports and the ports of the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands.

3 (2) \$5,000,000 - designing, acquiring, constructing and equipping
4 or upgrading new or existing docking and terminal facilities to accommodate
5 a TUSTUMENA-class ferry vessel acquired under (1) of this section at the
6 following ports: Chignik, Sand Point, Squaw Harbor, King Cove, Cold Bay,
7 False Pass, Ivanoff Bay, Akutan, and Dutch Harbor or Unalaska (Captain's Bay)

8 * Sec. 3. If the issuance of these bonds is authorized by the qualified
9 voters of the state, the amount of \$87,500 or as much of that amount as is
10 found necessary is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
11 state bond committee to carry out the provisions of this Act and to pay
12 expenses incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized in this
13 Act. The amounts expended from the appropriation authorized by this section
14 shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the proceeds of the sale of the
15 bonds authorized by this Act.

16 * Sec. 4. The question whether the bonds authorized in this Act are to be
17 issued shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the next
18 general election and shall read substantially as follows:

19 Proposition

20 State General Obligation 1976 Ferry Construction

21 Bonds \$25,000,000

22 Shall the State of Alaska issue its general obligation bonds
23 in the principal amount of not more than \$25,000,000 for the
24 purpose of paying the cost of making capital improvements
25 to the state ferry system?

26 Bonds Yes []

27 Bonds No []

28 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10-
29 070(c).