

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 402

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the sale of school lands."

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

* Section 1. AS 38.05.030(e) is amended to read:

(e) The sale, lease or other disposal of school lands under the jurisdiction of the department shall be made by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. School lands may be sold only for school facilities, public recreation purposes, or residential purposes. For purposes of this chapter "residential purposes" means the use of land for personal residence more than six months in a year, and improvement of the land by the addition of a residential building. A lessee who qualifies under this subsection has a preference right to match the highest bid at public outcry auction and shall have the rights specified in sec. 90(e) of this chapter. [HOWEVER, DISPOSAL OF SCHOOL LANDS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, OTHER THAN DISPOSAL BY LEASE FOR A TERM OF YEARS, SHALL BE MADE ONLY FOR SITES FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES OR FOR PUBLIC PARK AND PUBLIC RECREATION PURPOSES.] School lands may be exchanged for (1) state lands, (2) vacant, unappropriated and unreserved public lands and (3) lands owned by a city, borough or other public entity. In the case of unequal values, cash may be used to equalize land values. [WHEN THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STATE TO DISPOSE OF THE SCHOOL LANDS LOCATED WITHIN SECTIONS 16 AND 36 IN AN ORGANIZED BOROUGH OR CITY OF ANY CLASS, THE BOROUGH OR CITY IS AUTHORIZED, AND HAS PREFERENCE FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER NOTICE, TO ACQUIRE THE LAND AT THE APPRAISED VALUE BY PURCHASE OR

1 EXCHANGE OF LAND ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT. NO SALE, LEASE, EXCHANGE
2 OR OTHER DISPOSAL OF SCHOOL LANDS MAY BE MADE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF
3 THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.]
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