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3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Alaska General Stock Ownership
7 Corporation; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 10 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 50. ALASKA GENERAL STOCK OWNERSHIP CORPORATION.

11 Sec. 10.50.010. ALASKA GENERAL STOCK OWNERSHIP CORPORATION

12 CREATED. (a) The governor shall appoint nine persons, at least five of
13 whom are residents of the state, to act as incorporators of the Alaska
14 General Stock Ownership Corporation.

15 (b) The corporation is a general stock ownership corporation and
16 shall be formed in accordance with subchapter U of the Internal Revenue
17 Code of 1954, as amended, (26 U.S.C. secs. 1391 - 1397), and with
18 AS 10.05. The corporation is subject to the provisions of AS 10.05,
19 except when inconsistent with this chapter or 26 U.S.C. sec. 1391(a).

20 (c) The corporation is not and may not be considered to be an
21 agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision of the state for any
22 purpose.

23 Sec. 10.50.020. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION. The corporation's
24 articles of incorporation shall provide

25 (1) for the issuance of only one class of stock;

26 (2) that shares of stock may be issued only to individuals
27 who were residents of the state on the effective date of this Act, and
28 who continued to be residents until the date of issuance of the shares;

(3) for the issuance of at least one share of stock to each

1 individual eligible under (2) of this section, unless that individual
2 elects within one year after the date of issuance not to receive the
3 share;

4 (4) that no share of stock may be voluntarily or involun-
5 tarily transferred

6 (A) or encumbered by a shareholder, other than by will
7 or under the laws relating to intestate succession, until five
8 years after the date of issuance of the share, except if the share-
9 holder ceases to be a resident of the state;

10 (B) to an individual other than one who is a resident on
11 the date of transfer;

12 (C) to an individual who, after the transfer, would own
13 more than 10 shares of stock of the corporation;

14 (D) or encumbered by a shareholder under 18 years of age
15 or encumbered by that shareholder's parent or legal guardian;

16 (5) that the corporation must qualify as a general stock
17 ownership corporation under subchapter U of the Internal Revenue Code of
18 1954, as amended, (26 U.S.C. secs. 1391 - 1397);

19 (6) that the corporation may not invest in properties
20 acquired by it, or for its benefit, through the right of eminent domain;

21 (7) that the corporation has a first option to purchase, at
22 book value, its shares of stock offered to be transferred by a share-
23 holder within five years after the date of issuance of the shares; if
24 the corporation exercises the right to purchase, shares purchased shall
25 be considered treasury stock and not entitled to dividends, if any, or
26 to voting privileges.

27 Sec. 10.50.030. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (a) The corporation shall be
28 governed by a board of directors. A majority of the members of the
29 board of directors shall be residents of the state at all times during

1 their terms of office. Except as provided in (b) of this section, the
2 term of office of each director is three years. A director, upon the
3 expiration of his term, shall continue to hold office until his succes-
4 sor is elected and qualified.

5 (b) The initial board of directors shall consist of the incorpor-
6 ators of the corporation. The board shall, as nearly as possible, be
7 equally divided into three classes of directors. The initial class one
8 directors shall serve one-year terms of office; the initial class two
9 directors shall serve two-year terms of office; and the initial class
10 three directors shall serve three-year terms of office.

11 Sec. 10.50.040. NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE SHAREHOLDERS. Beginning
12 not less than 90 days before the issuance of any stock, the corporation
13 shall at least weekly notify the public of its intention to issue stock
14 and the method for qualifying and applying for shares. The notice shall
15 be by publication in at least one newspaper of statewide circulation, by
16 radio and television announcements, and by other means the corporation
17 determines to be appropriate and reasonable, and shall be continued at
18 least once each month for 11 months following the date of issuance of
19 shares.

20 Sec. 10.50.050. CORPORATION NOT LIABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS. Registra-
21 tion as a shareholder of the corporation is a responsibility solely of
22 an individual eligible under AS 10.50.020(2) to receive shares of the
23 corporation. The corporation may not be held liable for

24 (1) any loss resulting directly or indirectly from the
25 failure of an individual to apply for shares of the corporation; or

26 (2) payment of a declared or paid dividend to an individual
27 who would have been entitled to receive the dividend had he been a
28 shareholder at the time of declaration or payment.

29 Sec. 10.50.060. LATE APPLICATION FOR SHARES. An individual eli-

1 gible under AS 10.50.020(2) to receive shares of the corporation who
2 failed to apply for the shares before their issuance may apply for and
3 receive the shares any time within one year after the date of issuance
4 if he is otherwise qualified to own stock of the corporation and upon
5 the payment of the book value of the shares.

6 Sec. 10.50.070. PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTATION OF ELIGIBILITY AS
7 SHAREHOLDER. (a) The ownership interest in shares of the corporation's
8 stock issued to an individual ineligible to receive the shares who has
9 presented fraudulent or misleading information regarding his eligibility
10 to own the shares, is void upon the issuance of an appropriate order by
11 the superior court. The ineligible individual is also liable for the
12 full amount of dividends, or other distributions to shareholders re-
13 ceived by him plus interest from the date of distribution, and legal
14 fees and costs of recovery incurred by the corporation. This section
15 applies to an individual who has presented fraudulent or misleading
16 information regarding the eligibility of another person for whom he acts
17 in the capacity of legal guardian.

18 (b) An individual who transfers or obtains shares of the
19 corporation, or in his capacity as legal guardian obtains shares of the
20 corporation for another, through fraud, misrepresentation, or any
21 deceitful or illegal means is guilty of a felony.

22 Sec. 10.50.080. DIVIDENDS OF THE CORPORATION. Dividends, or other
23 distributions, may be declared and paid by the corporation at any time
24 and from any source to the extent considered necessary by the board in
25 order to comply with the distribution requirements of subchapter U of
26 the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, (26 U.S.C. secs. 1391 -
27 1397), except that no dividend or other distribution may be declared if
28 the corporation is insolvent or if the declaration would cause the
29 corporation to become insolvent.

1 Sec. 10.50.090. EXEMPTION FROM AS 10.05. The corporation is
2 exempt from the requirements of AS 10.05.012, 10.05.216(e), 10.05.255(7),
3 and 10.05.264.

4 Sec. 10.50.100. LOAN GUARANTEE FUND. (a) There is a special fund
5 of the state known as the "Alaska General Stock Ownership Corporation
6 loan guarantee fund" which shall be completely segregated from all other
7 funds of the state, and which is a trust fund for the uses and purposes
8 of this section.

9 (b) The commissioner of revenue shall use the fund to guarantee
10 loans made to the corporation by lenders other than the state. In
11 guaranteeing loans the commissioner of revenue shall review the loans
12 for the purpose of guarding against fraud and misrepresentation. A
13 guarantee of a loan may not be for an amount in excess of the un-
14 obligated balance of the fund at the time the guarantee is made.

15 Sec. 10.50.900. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter,

16 (1) "board" means the board of directors of the Alaska
17 General Stock Ownership Corporation;

18 (2) "corporation" means the Alaska General Stock Ownership
19 Corporation;

20 (3) "fund" means the Alaska General Stock Ownership Corpora-
21 tion loan guarantee fund;

22 (4) "resident" means an individual who maintains a permanent
23 place of abode in the state with the intention of making the state his
24 permanent place of residence and who resides in the state continuously
25 except for temporary purposes only and with the intent of returning; a
26 person may not be considered to have gained a residence solely by reason
27 of his presence and he may not lose it solely by reason of his absence
28 while in the civil or military service of this state or of the United
29 States or of his absence because of marriage to a person engaged in the

1 civil or military service of this state or the United States; while a
2 student at an institution of learning; while in an institution or asylum
3 at public expense; while confined in public prison; while engaged in the
4 navigation of waters of this state, of the United States, or of the high
5 seas; or while residing upon an Indian or military reservation; a minor
6 takes the residence of his parent or of his legal guardian; a married
7 woman may establish her own residence and does not presumptively take
8 the residence of her husband.

9 * Sec. 2. AS 37.10.065(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (9) secured loans to the Alaska General Stock Ownership
11 Corporation.

12 * Sec. 3. AS 37.10.070(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

13 (14) bonds or other forms of indebtedness of the Alaska
14 General Stock Ownership Corporation.

15 * Sec. 4. AS 45.55.140(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

16 (12) a security issued by the Alaska General Stock Ownership
17 Corporation.

18 * Sec. 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a civil action to
19 contest the legality of this Act is barred unless the complaint is filed
20 within one year of the effective date of this Act. The purpose of this
21 limitation on suits is to insure that, after the expiration of a reasonable
22 period of time, the right, title, and interest of shareholders of the Alaska
23 General Stock Ownership Corporation will be vested with certainty and that
24 the corporation will be able to carry on its business activities with cer-
25 tainty.

26 * Sec. 6. Notwithstanding AS 01.10.030, the requirements of this Act for
27 eligibility to receive original issue shares of the Alaska General Stock
28 Ownership Corporation are not severable. If those requirements, or the
29 application of them to any person or circumstance, are held invalid, this Act

1 is void in its entirety.

2 * Sec. 7. AS 10.50.070(b) is amended to read:

3 (b) An individual who transfers or obtains shares of the corpora-
4 tion, or in his capacity as legal guardian obtains shares of the
5 corporation for another, through fraud, misrepresentation, or any
6 deceitful or illegal means is guilty of a class C felony.

7 * Sec. 8. Sections 1 - 6 of this Act take effect immediately in accor-
8 dance with AS 01.10.070(c).

9 * Sec. 9. Section 7 of this Act takes effect January 1, 1980.
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