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HOUSE BILL NO. 254

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the issuance of general obliga-
7 tion bonds in the amount of \$150,000,000 for the
8 purpose of paying the cost of constructing and ren-
9 ovating public elementary and secondary schools; and
10 providing for an effective date."

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

12 * Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds that

13 (1) under art. VII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska,
14 the legislature is required to establish and maintain a system of public
15 elementary and secondary schools;

16 (2) the existing public elementary and secondary schools in the
17 state are in urgent need of renovation and repair, and that this work is
18 necessary to avert imminent health, safety, and life-threatening situa-
19 tions;

20 (3) existing levels of state financial aid are not sufficient to
21 meet the minimum health and safety needs of public elementary and secondary
22 schools in the state;

23 (4) it is necessary to pledge the credit and resources of the
24 state to provide sufficient money to make necessary repairs to public
25 elementary and secondary schools in the state.

26 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to provide state funds to make
27 urgent health and safety related repairs to public elementary and secondary
28 schools in the state.

29 * Sec. 2. For the purpose of paying the cost of urgent health and

1 safety-related repairs, construction, and renovation of public elementary
2 and secondary schools in the state, general obligation bonds of the state
3 in the principal amount of not more than \$150,000,000 shall be issued and
4 sold. The full faith, credit, and resources of the state are pledged to
5 the payment of the principal of and interest and redemption premium, if
6 any, on these bonds. These bonds shall be issued under the provisions of
7 AS 37.15 as those provisions read at the time of issuance.

8 * Sec. 3. If the issuance of these bonds is authorized by the qualified
9 voters of the state, a special fund of the state to be known as the "Public
10 Elementary and Secondary School Construction Fund" shall be established, to
11 which shall be credited the proceeds of the sale of the bonds described in
12 sec. 2 of this Act except for the accrued interest and premiums.

13 * Sec. 4. Notwithstanding AS 24.08.037, the amount of \$150,000,000 is
14 appropriated from the "Public Elementary and Secondary School Construction
15 Fund" to the Department of Education to be used for the purpose described
16 in sec. 2 of this Act.

17 * Sec. 5. If the issuance of these bonds is authorized by the qualified
18 voters of the state, the amount of \$525,000 or as much of that amount as is
19 found necessary is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
20 state bond committee to carry out the provisions of this Act and to pay
21 expenses incident to the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized in this
22 Act. The amounts expended from the appropriation authorized by this sec-
23 tion shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the proceeds of the sale
24 of the bonds authorized by this Act.

25 * Sec. 6. The amount withdrawn from the public facility planning fund
26 for the purpose of advance planning for the improvements financed under
27 this Act shall be reimbursed to the fund from the proceeds of the sale of
28 bonds authorized by this Act.

29 * Sec. 7. The question whether the bonds authorized in this Act are to

1 be issued shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the
2 next general election and shall read substantially as follows:

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Proposition

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State General Obligation Public Elementary and

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Secondary School Construction Bonds \$150,000,000

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Shall the State of Alaska issue its general obligation

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bonds in the principal amount of not more than

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\$150,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of

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constructing and renovating public elementary and

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secondary schools in the state?

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Bonds Yes []

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Bonds No []

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* Sec. 8. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).