

School Board
to meet and
agree upon
school budget

purposes is not made and fixed separately, and as soon as a city council and a city school board shall have organized after their election, the two bodies shall meet and agree upon an estimate of the amount of money necessary for school purposes for the coming school year, over and above the fifty per cent of all license money payable to the school treasurer according to the Organic Act.

The minimum amount of this estimate shall be furnished the school board by the city council from time to time during the current school year as it becomes necessary for the school board to expend the same for maintenance of schools.

The city council shall also take this amount into consideration when determining the amount of money necessary to be raised by tax for school and municipal purposes and when fixing the number of mills upon each dollar of taxable property within the incorporated limits of the town.

School Board
to account to
Council month-
ly for moneys
expended
Emergency
clause

Section 2. That the school board shall give an itemized accounting to the city council each month for moneys expended during the previous month.

An emergency is hereby declared and this amendment shall take effect immediately on its passage and approval.

Approved, April 26, 1915.

CHAPTER 24.

AN ACT

[S. B. 21.]

To define and establish the political status of certain Native Indians within the Territory of Alaska.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Native Indians,
citizens under
provisions of
Sec. 6, Ch. 119,

Section 1. Every native Indian born within the limits of the Territory of Alaska, and who has severed all tribal relationship and adopted the habits of a civilized

life in accordance with Section Six (6), Chapter One hundred and nineteen (119), 24 Stat. at Large Three hundred ninety (390), may, after the passage and approval of this act, have the fact of his citizenship definitely established by complying with the terms hereafter set forth.

Section 2. Every native Indian of the Territory of Alaska who shall desire a certificate of his citizenship shall first make application to a United States Government, Territorial or municipal school, and shall be subjected to an examination by a majority of the teachers of such school as to his or her qualifications and claims for citizenship. Such examination shall broadly cover the general qualifications of the applicant as to an intelligent exercise of the obligations of suffrage, a total abandonment of any tribal customs or relationship, and the facts regarding the applicant's adoption of the habits of a civilized life.

Section 3. Any native Indian of the Territory of Alaska who shall obtain a certificate in accordance with Section two (2) of this act, which certificate shall set forth that a proper examination has been duly held and the applicant found to have abandoned all tribal customs and relationship, to have adopted the ways and habits of a civilized life and to be properly qualified to intelligently exercise the obligations of an elector in the Territory of Alaska, shall thereupon obtain an endorsement upon said certificate by at least five white citizens of the United States who have been permanent residents of Alaska for at least one year, who were not members of the examining board as provided in Section 2, to the effect that such citizens have been personally acquainted with the life and habits of such Indian for a period of at least one year and that in their best judgment such Indian has abandoned all tribal customs and relationship, has adopted the ways and habits of a civilized life, and is duly qualified to exercise the rights, privileges and obligations of citizenship.

24 Stat. L., p. 390, may have fact of citizenship established.

Examination

Certificate to be endorsed by five white citizens.

Application to
District Court

Section 4. Upon securing such certificate as provided by sections two (2) and three (3) of this act properly signed in ink, the applicant shall forward the same together with an oath duly acknowledged to the effect that such applicant forever renounces all tribal customs and relationships, to the United States District Court for the Division in which the applicant resides praying for the granting of a certificate of citizenship.

Hearing

Section 5. Upon receiving such application the Judge of the District Court shall set a day of hearing on such application which shall not be less than sixty (60) days from the date of receipt of such application, whereupon the Clerk of the District Court shall post a notice in his office containing the name of the applicant and the facts set forth in his application, and the date set for the hearing upon the application, and shall immediately forward a copy of such notice to the applicant, whereupon the applicant shall post such notice or a copy thereof in a conspicuous place at the Post Office nearest to his or her residence.

Final certifi-
cate.

Section 6. Upon approval of such application by the Judge of the United States District Court for the Division in which the applicant resides, the said Judge shall issue a certificate, certifying that due proof has been made to him that the said applicant is "an Indian born within the Territorial limits of the United States, and that he has voluntarily taken up, within said limits, his residence separate and apart from any tribe of Indians therein, and has adopted the habits of civilized life." Said certificate, when presented in court or otherwise, shall be taken and considered as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained.

Approved, April 27, 1915.