

not exceeding two hundred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding three months.

Approved, April 29, 1915.

CHAPTER 63.

AN ACT

[S. B. 57.]

To amend Section One of Chapter Seventy-two of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, entitled "An Act to divide the Territory into mine inspection districts; to establish the office of mine inspector; to prescribe the duties, powers, qualifications and compensation thereof; to regulate the operation of mines in the Territory of Alaska; to provide for the health and safety of mine workers in the Territory; to declare the violation of any of the provisions hereof a misdemeanor and prescribing punishment therefor," approved April 30, 1913.

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

Sec. 1, Ch. 72,
Session Laws
1913, amended.

Section 1. That Section One of Chapter 72 of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, be amended by striking out in lines 9 and 10 on page 275 of the said Session Laws, the words "two thousand five hundred dollars" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "three thousand dollars".

Approved, April 29, 1915.

CHAPTER 64.

AN ACT

[S. B. 13.]

To provide allowances for certain aged residents of Alaska, and for other purposes.

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

Allowance for
aged pioneers
provided.

Section 1. Any pioneer of Alaska, regardless of sex, who has attained the age of sixty-five (65) years and shall have resided in Alaska for ten consecutive years or

more since the year 1905, and is entitled to the benefits of the Pioneers Home at Sitka, Alaska, or of the Home for Indigent Pioneers at Fairbanks or elsewhere in Alaska (should the same be established) may in lieu of an application to be received and cared for at such home, make an application to the Board of Trustees of said Alaska Pioneers' Home, in the manner prescribed in this Act, for an allowance to be paid out of the revenues of said Home; and thereupon said Board shall investigate the case of such applicant, and if they find that his or her case is worthy, and that he or she is in actual need of such allowance, the said trustees shall enroll him or her as a beneficiary of said Home and issue a certificate accordingly, which shall not be transferable or descendible, and in conformity therewith, an allowance shall be paid for his or her use as provided in Sections three and four of this Act, out of any revenues of said Home (other than funds of the United States) in excess of suitable provisions for inmates of said Home and those likely to be admitted thereto prior to the end of the next following session of the Legislature; Provided, that if any person pensioned under the provisions of this Act, shall be admitted to the Alaska Pioneers' Home or other Territorial Institution, any pension granted hereunder shall be suspended during the time such person shall be an inmate of any such Territorial Institution. Nor shall any pension be paid to any person who has been absent from the Territory of Alaska for a period not to exceed one year.

Section 2. Said Board of Trustees shall cause blank forms of applications for such allowances to be prepared and printed and shall distribute them in sufficient quantities to the various commissioners for the several precincts of Alaska. The application shall set forth the facts requisite to bring the applicant within the provisions of this Act, and state in detail the periods and places of his or her residence in Alaska, the cause and extent of his or her disability to gain his or her subsistence, and his or her resources and circumstances and those of his or her relatives (if any) living in Alaska,

and shall be signed by the applicant and verified by his or her affidavit to the truth of the statements contained therein. Said affidavit shall be taken before and attested under the seal of a commissioner or notary public, and there shall be appended to the application a certificate by such commissioner or notary public, or else an affidavit by two reputable persons resident within such precinct, to the effect that he or they are personally acquainted with the applicant and believe all the statements set forth in such application to be true.

Allowance—
Amount of.

Section 3. Each allowance granted shall be of such amount, not exceeding twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) per month, as said Board of Trustees in their discretion shall allow and be specified in the certificate, having regard to the necessities of the applicant; and after being granted shall not be diminished in amount, but may be from time to time increased by said Board

Proviso: Power to revoke.

to an amount not exceeding said maximum. Provided, however, in case the Board of Trustees shall be satisfied that the beneficiary is in position to support himself or herself, or can be supported by his or her relatives, the Board may revoke the grant of an allowance, cancel the beneficiary's certificate, and strike his or her name from the roll of beneficiaries. Each allowance shall be paid

How paid.

quarter-yearly, and a warrant or draft of said trustees on the Territorial Treasurer for an amount of the quarterly payment, payable to the beneficiary or order, shall be forwarded by said Board to the commissioner within whose precinct the beneficiary resides, in time to reach such commissioner on or before the beginning of the quarter-year for which the same is payable, and shall be by the commissioner delivered on or after the beginning of such quarter-year, to the beneficiary upon his or her appearing in person before the commissioner and exhibiting his or her certificate, and such warrant or draft shall be paid in due course by the Territorial Treasurer; Provided, that in cases where it shall be impracticable, by reason of slow or interrupted means of

Proviso: Allowance for

communication or travel, for the quarterly payments to reach the commissioner or for the beneficiary to appear in person at the commissioner's office to receive such payment during a period of more than one quarter-year, said Trustees may in their discretion transmit, with a quarterly payment, another payment for the next following quarter, and said commissioner, if so directed by said Trustees, may deliver both payments at the same time. In case of the discovery of any fraud or false statement in an application after an allowance shall have been granted thereon, said trustees after giving the beneficiary reasonable opportunity to be heard, may revoke the grant of an allowance, cancel the beneficiary's certificate, and strike his or her name from the roll of beneficiaries. And further provided, that in case the beneficiary is not able and cannot appear before the commissioner in person, within a reasonable time to receive such allowance, the commissioner may forward the same to such beneficiary.

more than one quarter may be paid to Commissioner.

Proviso: Commissioner may forward allowance to beneficiary.

If, owing to lack of revenue applicable to the payment of such allowance, any installment thereof shall not be paid when payable as in this section provided, it shall remain an obligation of the Territory of Alaska to the beneficiary, the arrears of which shall be paid, as soon as funds shall be available therefor, to the beneficiary or his legal representatives, or paid for his or her sustenance as provided in section four (4) of this Act, for each quarter-year, or fraction thereof for which any payment shall not previously have been made. In case of the death of a beneficiary before the end of a quarter-year, for which his or her allowance shall have been paid, there shall be no liability of his or her estate to refund any such payment.

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Section 4. Notwithstanding anything contained in Section three (3) of this Act, said trustees, or commissioner in any case in which, either at or after the time of granting an allowance, shall become satisfied that payments to a beneficiary will be subject to wasteful use or

the diversion from his or her means of sustenance, may pay the money into the hands of the commissioner for the precinct of the beneficiary's residence, or into the hands of any suitable or trustworthy person, to be paid out for the beneficiary's sustenance and benefit as such depository shall deem for the beneficiary's interest; and such depository shall account quarterly to said trustees or commissioners for all funds so intrusted to him, showing when, to whom, and in what sums the same were disbursed.

Federal funds
not to be used.

Section 5. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the payment of any money out of any revenues of said Home derived from the United States, unless authorized by Congress.

Women eligi-
ble.

Section 6. Women who are otherwise qualified to apply for relief under this Act, may make application hereunder, and if entitled thereto shall receive the allowance herein provided for, notwithstanding the fact that as women they might not be eligible to be received in the Alaska Pioneers' Home. And inmates of the Home may at any time make application for an allowance as herein provided in lieu of the support and maintenance provided for them in such Home.

Appropriation.

Section 7. The sum of twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the purposes of this Act, out of any revenue of said Home as defined in Section one (1) and limited by Sections three (3) and four (4) of this Act, provided, that the Board of Trustees shall not grant allowances calling for an expenditure in excess of ten thousand dollars in any one (1) year; and further provided, that any excess fund not issued the first year shall be available for use the following year. And a further sum of two thousand four hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for clerical help in connection with said Alaska Pioneers' Home.

Section 8. That the term "pioneer" as used in this Act shall not be construed to include any native or other Indian or descendant of the aboriginal tribes of Alaska.

"Pioneers"—
Definition of—
Indians not in-
cluded.

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CHAPTER 65.

AN ACT

[S. B. 41.]

To prevent "professional jurors" serving as such in the District Court.

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

Section 1. That no person shall be qualified to serve as a grand or petit juror in the District Courts of Alaska, who shall have served on a grand jury, or on a regular panel of a petit jury, in the District Court, within two years next before such juror is being examined on his voir dire.

No person
qualified to
serve as juror
in District
Court who
served within
two years.

Section 2. It shall be a sufficient challenge for cause to any juror in the District Court that he has been called as a talesman or on an open venire, and served more than three times as a juror within the preceding two years before such challenge.

Challenge for
cause.

Approved, April 29, 1915.

CHAPTER 66.

AN ACT

[S. B. 55.]

To make uniform the Law of Acknowledgments to Deeds or Other Instruments taken outside the United States.

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

Section 1. All deeds or other instruments requiring acknowledgment, if acknowledged without the United States, shall be acknowledged before an ambassador, min-

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