

CHAPTER 8.

AN ACT

[H. B. 38.]

To amend Section Eight Hundred Sixty-six of the Compiled Laws of Alaska.

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

Section 1. That Section Eight Hundred Sixty-six of the Compiled Laws of Alaska be amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 866 of Compiled laws amended.

Section 866. Persons, firms, or corporations, severally liable, or jointly and severally liable upon the same obligation or instrument, including parties to bills of exchange and promissory notes, may all or any of them be included in the same action, at the option of the plaintiff. Persons, firms severally liable upon same instrument may be sued together or separately.

Approved, April 16, 1915.

CHAPTER 9.

AN ACT

[S. B. 22.]

To repeal Chapter 60, "An Act to amend Chapter 88 of the Code of Civil Procedure in Respect to the Disposition of Estates of Persons Who Have Disappeared," of the Session Laws of 1913, approved April 29, 1913 (as found on page 155 of the said Session Laws of 1913), and to amend Section 1730 of the Code of Civil Procedure of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, (as found on pages 609 and 610 of said Laws).

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

Section 1. That Chapter 60, "An Act to amend Chapter 88 of the Code of Civil Procedure in Respect to the Disposition of Estates of Persons Who Have Disappeared," of the Session Laws of 1913, approved April 29, 1913, (as found on page 155 of the said Session Laws of 1913) be, and the same is, hereby repealed. Ch. 60, Session Laws, 1913, repealed.

Section 2. That Section 1730 of the Code of Civil Procedure of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913 (as found Sec. 1730 of Compiled laws amended.

on pages 609 and 610 of said Laws), be, and the same is, hereby amended by adding at the end of said Section 1730 the following paragraphs:

Commissioners may appoint guardians of estates of missing persons.

1. That whenever any person owning property in any precinct of the Territory shall disappear and can not, upon reasonable inquiry, be found, the commissioner of the precinct, in which real property is situated or personal property is found belonging to such missing person, may upon application of any relative who would be an heir of such missing person's estate in case of his death, appoint a guardian of the estate of such missing person, and in case there be no such heir, or in the event of the failure of such heir to apply, then such guardian may be appointed upon the application of any friend or other person interested in the estate of such missing person, and in the event none of the persons above specified apply then the court of its own motion may appoint such guardian when necessary to preserve the estate or prevent waste; and in such cases the provisions of Chapter Eighty-eight of the Code of Civil Procedure of Alaska relating to the guardianship of the estates of insane persons shall be applicable and shall govern proceedings affecting such estate.

Ch. 88, Code of Civil Procedure to apply.

Persons missing six years presumed dead

2. If such missing person be not heard from for a period of six years continuously, he shall be presumed to be dead, and after the expiration of six years from the date of his disappearance, his estate may be administered in accordance with the then existing provisions of the law applicable to the administration of the estates of deceased persons.

Estate may be administered

Previous appointments ratified.

3. The appointment heretofore of any guardian of the estate of any missing person as provided by Chapter 60 of the Session Laws of 1913, whether made upon the application of a relative or other person, is hereby ratified.

Approved, April 19, 1915.