

Section 7. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved May 2, 1917.

CHAPTER 32.

AN ACT

(H. B. 70)

Authorizing the common councils of incorporated towns in the Territory of Alaska to vacate streets and alleyways within their town limits.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska

Section 1. That the common councils of incorporated towns in the Territory of Alaska shall have the power by ordinance to vacate any streets or alleys in their respective towns whenever the public interests and convenience may require.

Authority to vacate streets and alleys granted.

Section 2. No ordinance passed by the common council of any incorporated town vacating any of the streets or alleys of such town shall be valid, unless ratified by a vote of the majority of qualified voters voting at a special or other election, at which the question of ratification of such ordinance is submitted.

Subject to vote.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Emergency.

Approved May 3, 1917.

CHAPTER 33.

AN ACT

(S. B. 34)

For the establishment of citizenship Night Schools, providing for their organization, designating courses of instruction and making provision for payment of expenses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska :

Section 1. The judge of the United States District Court shall have the power, and it shall be his duty in the division to which he is appointed and in which he resides, upon petition, as hereinafter stated, to establish by

Citizenship night schools to be established by order of District Judge.

order, in writing a citizenship Night School, at any camp, village, settlement or within the limits of any incorporated town.

What petition
for same
shall contain.

The said petition shall specify the location of the proposed school, shall give an itemized estimate of the approximate cost per week for rent of school room, necessary furniture, fuel, light and other expenses not otherwise provided for by this Act, necessary to maintain the proposed citizenship Night School. The petition shall also state the number of nights each week the petitioners desire instruction, and such other material facts as tend to show the necessity for the establishment of the proposed citizenship Night School.

Who qualified
to sign
petition.

The petition shall be signed by not less than 12 persons who shall be adults or minors 16 years of age or more who are not attending school elsewhere, and who shall declare their intention to attend the proposed citizenship Night School for purposes of instruction.

What order
of Judge
shall show.

Section 2. If the federal judge is satisfied that it is necessary and proper to grant such petition, he shall make an order in writing, establishing the citizenship Night School prayed for, stating in said order the amount of money from Territorial funds that shall be apportioned to said citizenship-night school.

Board for
management
and powers
of same.

Section 3. The management of said citizenship-night school shall be vested in a citizenship-night school board, which shall consist of three members, the instructor, who shall be ex-officio chairman of said board, a secretary and a director. The citizenship-night school board shall have the power to rent the necessary school room, equip the same with necessary furniture, to provide fuel, light, and in general to do and perform everything that may be necessary for the maintenance of the night school, in a satisfactory manner, in keeping with the amount of funds set aside by the court for the maintenance of said night school. The citizenship night school board is hereby granted the free use of any public school house for the purpose of holding its sessions, subject to

such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the school board of the school district to which such public school house belongs.

Section 4. Said petitioners may also name the person they wish for instructor, and if, in the opinion of the federal judge, said person so named is a fit and capable person to act as instructor such person shall be appointed instructor. Should no person be named by said petitioners or should the federal judge deem the person named as unfit and incapable to act as instructor in said citizenship-night school he shall appoint an instructor, or order the United States Commissioner, ex-officio recorder, of the precinct in which the petitioners reside, to appoint such instructor; Provided, that at all times such instructor must be a citizen of the United States of America. Said instructor shall receive from the Territorial funds for each night's instruction given, for a period of not less than two hours, compensation not to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00) each night.

How instructor to be appointed and compensation and qualifications fixed.

In the order authorizing the establishment of the citizenship-night school, the Judge of the District Court shall name, or order the United States Commissioner, ex-officio recorder, of said precinct to name a person, who must be a citizen of the United States of America, to be secretary of the citizenship-night school board, as provided for by Section 3 of this act.

How Secretary of Board to be appointed and qualifications.

Section 5. The instructor of said citizenship-night school, as soon as he has been notified of his appointment, shall, together with the secretary of said citizenship-night school board, call a meeting of the prospective students of the school. At this first meeting, the prospective students shall elect one of their own number as a director of the said citizenship-night school board.

Students to elect one member of Board.

Section 6. The citizenship-night school shall be conducted not less than two, nor more than five nights each week, unless a vacation is declared by the citizenship-night school board, nor more than 24 weeks in one year. No citizenship-night school shall be continued without

Sessions for school fixed.

special permission from the federal judge of the Division in which the said citizenship-night school is located should the average attendance for one month be less than six pupils per season.

Instruction to be in English and course of study outlined.

All instruction in citizenship-night schools, created by this act shall be in the English language. At each session, instruction must be given in the use of the English language, history of the United States and civil government. Special study must be given the constitution of the United States and the government of the Territory of Alaska. Instruction may be given in other subjects taught in the public schools of Alaska, or lectures not of a political or religious nature may be delivered before the student body, as the board may elect, having in view at all times a higher standard of citizenship, a better understanding of the American form of government and the obligations and privileges of American citizens.

Who may attend.

Section 7. Any person, an adult or minor 16 years of age or more not attending school elsewhere who leads a civilized life, shall be eligible to attend a citizenship-night school.

Text books to be designated by Commissioner of education.

Section 8. The Territorial Commissioner of education shall name the textbook to be used in giving instruction in the history of the United States and civil government. No other text-book shall be used without his consent, except for supplementary purposes.

How and when reports to be made.

Section 9. The federal judge of each division shall be ex-officio divisional superintendent of the citizenship-night schools in his division, and it shall be his duty, when requested by the Territorial Commissioner of education, and at such other times as he may deem advisable, to require the citizenship-night school boards provided for by this act, to make reports concerning the state and condition of the citizenship night schools under their management. The reports must be in duplicate, certified to by the secretary and one other member of the citizenship night school board, the original to be sent to the

Federal Judge, ex-officio divisional superintendent of citizenship night schools, and the duplicate to the Territorial Commissioner of education.

Section 10. The secretary of the citizenship night school board shall, at the expiration of every four weeks, after the beginning of the school, prepare in duplicate an accurate detailed account of the expense of maintenance of said school for such preceding four-week period. Said itemized account shall show all indebtedness incurred, for what purpose, and shall state the name and post-office address of the person to whom money shall be paid. The original and the duplicate of this account shall be verified by the oath of the secretary of the citizenship night school board and certified to as to correctness by the director of the board. The original and duplicate of such account shall be forwarded to the federal judge of the division in which the citizenship night school is located, and approved by said judge if found to be in accordance with law. After approval by the judge, the original account shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Territory, who shall issue a warrant on the Territorial Treasurer for the amount set forth in the account and approved as aforesaid. Such warrants shall be payable to persons named in the account and forwarded direct to the postoffice address given. The judge shall cause said duplicate to be filed with the clerk of the court of said division.

Account of expenses to be rendered and what same shall contain.

Section 11. All Territorial monies under the provisions of this act shall be drawn from a fund provided for that purpose by the Territorial Legislature.

From what fund paid.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the Territorial Treasurer to advise the Federal Judge of each Judicial Division at least every three months as to the amount of money in the Territorial Treasury available for the maintenance of citizenship night schools. The Federal Judge upon granting a petition to establish a citizenship night school shall advise the Territorial Treasurer stating the

Other duties of Territorial Treasurer and Judge.

amount from Territorial Funds allowed for the maintenance of such school.

No school to be established unless funds available.

No citizenship night school shall be established under the provisions of this act should no funds be available for the maintenance of such school.

Approved May 3, 1917.

CHAPTER 34.

AN ACT

(S. B. 14)

To accept the grants of land and of money for the benefit of an agricultural college and school of mines for the Territory of Alaska.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,

Public land grants accepted.

Section 1. The grants of land for an Agricultural College and School of Mines for Alaska authorized by Act of Congress approved March 4th, 1915, and of monies for the benefit of State and Territorial Colleges of Agricultural and Mechanic Arts authorized by Acts of Congress approved August 30th, 1890, and March 4th, 1907, being made subject to the legislative assent of the several States and Territories to the purpose of said grant, the assent of the Territory of Alaska is hereby given to the purpose of said grants and the conditions of the above specified Acts of Congress are hereby accepted by the Territory of Alaska, and the Treasurer of the Territory of Alaska is hereby designated as the officer to whom said moneys shall be paid.

Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines beneficiary under grants.

Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved August 30th, 1890, the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines is hereby designated as the beneficiary under the provisions of said Act, said College to be located by the Board of Trustees within the boundaries of the four sections of land specified by the said Act of Congress approved