

mendations to the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners. Should there be no candidate for appointment who can qualify to the satisfaction of the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners, the Board may authorize the Divisional Board to act jointly in place of the appointed member in all matters, subject to the approval of the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners.

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Section 18. It shall be the duty of the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners to have this Act printed, and to furnish 200 copies to each Divisional Commission in the Territory of Alaska. Such printing to be paid by the Territorial Treasurer out of funds not otherwise appropriated, upon vouchers approved by the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners.

Repeal conflict-  
ing acts

Section 19. All other laws or parts of laws not in conflict with this Act shall remain in full force and effect, and all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed.

Emergency

Section 20. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved April 21, 1919.

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## CHAPTER 12. AN ACT

(S. B. 33)

To amend Section 1648, Section 1649, Section 1650, and Section 1651, of Chapter 18, of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, relative to the support of the widow and minor children of decedents, and providing for a summary method of closing insolvent small estates.

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

Section 1648  
Compiled Laws  
amended

Section 1. That Section 1648, of Chapter 18, of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 1648. After the filing of the inventory, should the deceased have died leaving a widow or minor

children, the Commissioner, upon such notice as may be by him fixed, upon being satisfied that the funeral expenses, expenses of last illness and of administration have been paid or provided for, and upon petition for that purpose, shall award and set off to the surviving widow or minor children property of the estate not exceeding the value of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00), exclusive of any mortgage or mechanic's, laborer's, or other lien upon the property so set off, which property so set off shall include the home and household goods, if any, and all property of deceased exempt from execution, and such award shall be by an order or judgment of the Commissioner and vest the absolute title, and there shall be no further administration upon such portion of the estate so set off and awarded, but the remainder of the estate, if any, shall be settled as other estates. The property thus set apart, if there be a widow, shall by such judgment be decreed her property to be used and expended by her for the maintenance of herself and the minor children of deceased, if any, or, if there be no widow, it shall be decreed the property of the minor child or, if there be more than one, of the minor children, in such proportion as the Commissioner shall deem proper, taking into consideration their age and the expense of maintenance, to be used and expended in the nurture, maintenance and support of such child or children, until they become of legal age, by the guardian thereof, as the law may direct. Said judgment, decree and award shall specifically describe the property so set apart and shall be final, except in case of appeal or for fraud."

Award for support of widow and children

Section 2. That Section 1649, of Chapter 18, of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 1649  
Compiled Laws  
amended

"Section 1649. In addition to the award heretofore in Section 1648 provided for, the Commissioner may make such further reasonable allowance out of the estate as may be necessary for the maintenance of the

Further order  
for support  
when made

widow and minor children, according to their circumstances and condition in life, during the progress of the settlement of the estate, as he may deem proper, and any such allowance shall be paid by the executor or administrator in preference to all other charges except funeral charges, expenses of last illness, and expenses of administration."

Section 1650  
Compiled Laws  
amended

Section 3. That Section 1650, of Chapter 18, of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, shall be amended to read as follows:

When whole estate awarded to widow and children

"Section 1650. No other or further awards to the widow and children shall be made from the estate of the deceased for her or their maintenance and support except that, should the value of the estate not exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) over and above the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00), the Commissioner may, upon petition filed for that purpose, by decree provide that the whole estate, after payment of funeral expenses, expenses of last illness, and of administration, be set apart for the widow and minor children in like manner and with like effect as in other cases under this Act providing for the support of the widow and minor children."

Section 1651  
Compiled Laws  
amended

Section 4. That Section 1651, of Chapter 18, of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, shall be amended so as to read as follows:

When estate all deemed assets  
Summary method closing insolvent small estates

"Section 1651. If an intestate leave neither widow nor minor children, all the property of the estate is assets in the hands of the administrator for the payment of funeral expenses, expenses of last illness, and of administration, payment of the debts or distribution according to law. Should, however, at the time of filing the inventory or afterwards, it appear to the Commissioner that the estate is insolvent and the value thereof does not exceed the amount of claims for funeral expenses, expenses of last illness and of administration, he may issue a citation to all persons interested in said

estate to show cause, if any, why said estate should not be forthwith closed. Such citation may be incorporated in the notice of appointment of administrator and served by publication or posting as provided for service of such notice, and shall require all persons to appear before the Commissioner at a day and hour certain (not less than thirty (30) days after the first publication or day of posting said notice, as the case may be) and show cause why an order should not issue for the immediate closing of the estate. If at the hearing on such citation, the Commissioner be satisfied that the estate is insolvent and the assets thereof are not more than sufficient to pay the funeral expenses, expenses of last illness and expenses of administration, he shall enter an order that the administrator forthwith reduce the assets of the estate to form for liquidation, and also provide therein for the immediate sale and disposal of the real and personal property of the estate in the manner provided by law, without other or further showing or citation to the heirs or persons interested in the estate. As soon as possible thereafter, the administrator shall, on order from the Commissioner, after the payment of the expenses of administration, pay and discharge all claims for funeral expenses and expenses of last illness in the order of their priority, or so much thereof as the assets will discharge, and said administration shall be immediately closed and the administrator discharged. Should the value of said estate as realized by the administrator exceed the amount of the preferred claims hereinabove mentioned and expenses of administration, the Commissioner shall direct such surplus to be paid pro rata on the other claims presented against the estate, if any there should be, in the order of their priority, and said estate shall be immediately closed and the administrator discharged. Provided, that should at any time before the final closing of the estate, as herein provided, additional property to that set forth in the inventory be found of

value sufficient to satisfy and discharge, in whole or in part, other claims against the estate than the preferred claims hereinabove mentioned, the administration of the estate shall continue in the usual manner. Provided, further, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the appointment of an administrator de bonis non when the necessity therefor may appear.

Approved April 22, 1919.

## CHAPTER 13.

### AN ACT

(S. B. 14)

Concerning Conditional Sales, and providing for the punishment of violations thereof.

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

Conditional sales  
defined

Section 1. (Definition of Terms.) In this Act "Conditional Sale" means (1) any contract for the sale of goods under which possession is delivered to the buyer and the property in the goods is to vest in the buyer at a subsequent time upon the payment of part of all of the price, or upon the performance of any other condition of the happening of any contingency; or (2) any contract for the bailment or leasing of goods by which the bailee or lessee contracts to pay as compensation a sum substantially equivalent to the value of the goods, and by which it is agreed that the bailee or lessee is bound to become, or has the option of becoming the owner of such goods upon full compliance with the terms of the contract.

Definition of  
terms

"Buyer" means the person who buys or hires the goods covered by the conditional sale, or any legal successor in interest of such person.

"Filing district" means the sub-division of the state in which conditional sale contracts or copies thereof, are required by this act to be filed.

"Goods" means all chattels personal other than things in action and money, and includes emblements, indus-