

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-