

CHAPTER 23.

AN ACT

[S.B. 22]

To provide for admission in evidence and prescribing the evidentiary effect of certified copies of certain papers, instruments, documents, filed and recorded in the office of the Secretary of Alaska, and certificates of the Secretary of Alaska with reference to the records and files of his office, of the absence of certain records or files, or as to the fact and time of the performance of any official act, and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. That any certified copy of any paper, instrument, or document, required or permitted by law to be filed or recorded in the office of the Secretary of Alaska, under the hand of the Secretary of Alaska, and the seal of the Territory of Alaska, shall be admissible in evidence the same as the original paper, document, or instrument.

Section 2. That the certificate of the Secretary of Alaska under his hand, and the seal of said Territory as to: (a) The filing or recording in his office of any paper, instrument, or document, permitted or required by law to be filed or recorded therein; (b) the fact and date of the performance of any official act required or permitted by law to be performed by the Secretary of Alaska in any capacity, or (c) the presence in or absence from the files and records of said office of any paper, instrument, or document required or permitted by law to be filed or recorded therein, shall be prima facie evidence of the statements in such certificate set forth, and such certificate shall be admissible in evidence in any action, suit or proceeding in any of the Courts of the Territory of Alaska.

Section 3. That an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall be in effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Approved April 24, 1925.

Certified copy of filings in office of Secretary of Alaska admissible in evidence.

Certificate of Secretary prima facie evidence.

Emergency.