

banking associations therein named decline to accept or be disqualified, letters of administration, with the will annexed, shall be issued to the person to whom the administration would have been granted if there had been no will."

Section 2. That Section 1606, of the Compiled Laws of the Territory of Alaska, 1913, be, and the same is, hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1606. Administration of the estate of an intestate shall be granted by the Commissioner authorized to take proof of a will, as prescribed in Section 1604, in case such intestate has made a will. Administration shall be granted, and letters thereof issued, as follows: (1) to the widow or next of kin, or both, in the discretion of the court; (2) to one or more of the principal creditors; or (3) to any other person, corporation, or national banking association competent and qualified whom the Court may select."

Approved April 24, 1925.

CHAPTER 26.

AN ACT

[H. B. 13]

To appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), to aid shipping in the Territory of Alaska, along the coast of Cook's Inlet, from Anchorage to Iliamna Bay, and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. That the Governor of the Territory of Alaska is authorized to pay a sum of money, not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), and not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) during any

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Governor to
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one year, to the owner or charterer of any ship or vessel of American registry, of not less than sixty (60) feet in length, and not less than forty (40) tons under deck, with a passenger capacity of not less than twenty (20) persons, and a loaded draft of not to exceed seven (7) feet, and of a maximum speed of not less than eight (8) miles per hour, who shall operate such ship or vessel in the coastwise trade, as a common carrier of freight and passengers, from Anchorage to Iliamna Bay, along the coast of Cook's Inlet, touching at Seldovia, and make regular stated trips and return not less than once in each ten (10) days during the season when navigation is open in the aforementioned waters; Provided, that in default of evidence to the contrary, to be produced by the owner or charaterer of the ship or vessel described herein, the season during which navigation is open shall be construed to be from April first to November first of each calendar year.

Anchorage to Iliamna.

Section 2. That the Governor of the Territory of Alaska, after the passage and approval of this Act, shall call for bids or offers to operate such ship or vessel, of the size and speed herein required, over the aforementioned route, which shall define the specifications for passenger accommodations to be afforded by such ship or vessel, and which accommodations shall be reasonable and in proportion to the size of the ship or vessel.

Governor to call for bids.

The award of the subsidy, as well as the amount thereof, shall be in the discretion of the Governor, and he may arrange for the payment of lesser amounts than the sum herein appropriated; Provided that there shall be not less than two bona fide bidders, each of whom shall submit his bid together with a good and sufficient bond in an amount equal to fifty (50%) percent. of the amount of the bid, which bond shall be conditioned that the bidder shall enter into and carry out the provisions of the contract for which he bids.

Award of subsidy.

Proviso.

Subsidy how paid.

The Treasurer of the Territory shall pay to the person to whom the subsidy shall be awarded the amount of money due him thereunder upon warrants drawn and issued in the same manner as is customary in other cases.

Payments how made.

Section 3. The subsidy herein provided shall be paid at the end of each season of navigation, after proof shall have been made that the conditions of the contract or subsidy have been fulfilled; Provided, however, that inability to touch at any point along such routes not provided with proper docking or harbor facilities, due to stress of weather or ice conditions, shall not prevent the owners or charterers of the ship or vessel subsidized, from receiving the moneys herein appropriated, otherwise earned; nor shall the inability to touch at such places, for the reasons herein stated, be made a cause for reducing the amount of the subsidy for any part of the period of open navigation; but the services for each full period of open navigation shall be a necessary prerequisite to the right to receive such subsidy or any part thereof.

Proviso.

Owners or charterers to publish reasonable tariff rates.

Section 4. The owner or charterer of the ship or vessel awarded a subsidy shall immediately publish a tariff of freight and passenger rates, which shall be reasonable, under penalty of forfeiture of the subsidy, and the Governor, when he so finds, shall have the power to declare the rate or rates excessive.

Appropriation.

Section 5. The sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Territorial Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Report of contractor.

Section 6. It shall be a condition in the awarding of any contract or subsidy under this Act that the contractor shall agree to make a report, under oath, at the end of each year to the Treasurer of Alaska, giving the following information:

(a) Tariff sheet of freight and passenger rates for the route covered;

(b) Total tonnage and total number of passengers carried;

(c) Gross earnings from passenger, freight and mail service rendered, segregating the same according to the three classes here mentioned;

(d) The gross expense and the gross earnings of the route covered.

Section 7. It being the intention of this Act that the contractor shall receive only such portion of the subsidy as shall be necessary to bring the net profits up to the amount of the subsidy, only such part of the subsidy shall be paid the contractor as, when added to the net profits, make a total not exceeding the total amount of the subsidy such contractor would be entitled to receive under the prior provisions of this Act.

Amount of
subsidy how
arrived at.

Section 8. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval.

Emergency.

Approved April 24, 1925.

CHAPTER 27.

AN ACT

[H. B. 14]

To prohibit persons from voting who are unable to read the Constitution of the United States and to write in the English language; to provide the method of showing such ability; to declare votes cast by persons without such ability to be fraudulent; to make violations of this Act a misdemeanor; and to provide penalties and punishments for the violation thereof.

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

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this