

CHAPTER 73.

AN ACT

[S. B. 49]

To amend Chapter 16, Section 7, of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1925, relating to the method of choosing juries and prescribing certain of the qualifications of jurors.

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

Section 1. That Section 7 of Chapter 16 of the Session Laws of Alaska of the year 1925 be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding thereto a paragraph in words as follows:

“Whenever there is drawn from the jury box the name of a juror then engaged in trying or deliberating upon any other case such name shall be rejected pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 hereof without delaying the completion of the panel.”

Choosing of
jurors in Dis-
trict Court.

Approved May 7, 1927.

CHAPTER 74.

AN ACT

[S. B. 50]

To amend Section 2, Section 3, Section 4, Chapter 18, Session Laws of 1919, and Section 6, Chapter 18, of the Laws of 1919, as amended by Chapter 60, Session Laws of 1923, relative to the establishment and maintenance of schools outside incorporated towns and incorporated school districts, and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. That Section 2 of Chapter 18 of the Laws of 1919 be amended to read as follows:

“Section 2. All persons qualified to sign said petition shall be qualified to vote at said election. The qualified voters of said school

School board,
how elected.

district shall at said election choose by plurality vote by ballot a school board of three members to hold office for one, two, and three years, respectively, and until their successors are elected and qualified, and one member of said board shall be elected each year thereafter for a term of three years and until his successor is elected and qualified. Within seven days after each annual election the board shall organize and shall annually elect one of their members director, one treasurer, and one clerk of the board. Persons holding the relationship of husband and wife or parent and child shall not be eligible to serve on the same school board. In case a vacancy in the membership of said board occurs from death, resignation, removal or other cause, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the board, and in the event that they cannot agree, by the Commissioner of Education. A member so appointed shall serve until the next regular election.

“Annual elections for the purpose of electing a school board member or filling vacancies on the school board shall be held on the second Saturday in March, or on such other date as may be approved by the Commissioner of Education. At least ten days notice of such election shall be given, as prescribed in the first election. The election shall be held in the school building or in some other public building. Polls shall be open from nine A.M. until five P.M. All school board members, before entering upon the duties of their trust, shall take an oath in writing to honorably and faithfully discharge the duties of their office.

“At the annual election in 1928, three school board members shall be elected in each dis-

Term of
office.

Date for elec-
tion of school
board members.

strict and after election they shall by lot divide themselves into three classes, as follows: Class one, one member, to serve for one year and until his successor is elected and qualified; class two, one member, to serve for two years and until his successor is elected and qualified; class three, one member, to serve for three years and until his successor is elected and qualified."

Section 2. That Section 3 of Chapter 18, of the laws of 1919 be amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. The director shall preside at all meetings of the board and shall perform such duties as are required of the chairman of an organized body. The clerk shall keep in permanent form the minutes of the meetings and a record of all the proceedings of the board. The treasurer shall be the custodian of the moneys of the school district and he shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give his bond, with surety or sureties justifying in double the amount thereof, to the school district, with sufficient sureties to be approved by the Clerk of the Court, and in such sum as he may direct, but not less than the amount of money that may come into his hands as treasurer, conditioned that he, the treasurer, will honestly and faithfully disburse and account for all the money that may come into his hands by virtue of his office."

Duties of
school board.

Section 3. That Section 4 of Chapter 18, of the laws of 1919 be amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. Said board shall have the power to build or rent the necessary school house or school rooms, to equip the same with the necessary furniture and fixtures, to provide

fuel and light, to hire and employ teachers, and in general to do and perform everything that may be necessary for the maintenance of the public school.

Certificates of election to be filed with Clerk of Court.

“After each annual election the said board shall send to the Clerk of the Court and file in his office a certificate or certificates of election of new members under the hand and seal of the judges or supervisors of election, together with oaths of office of newly-elected members and the bond of the treasurer, and the Clerk of the Court shall file said papers and carefully keep them as a part of the files and records of his office, and he shall, at once send to the Commissioner of Education a certified copy of said papers, together with a certified copy of the order establishing the school district, and the Commissioner of Education shall duly file and preserve the same as records of the Territorial Board of Education.”

Commissioner of Education to preserve records.

Section 4. That Section 6 of Chapter 18, of the laws of 1919, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

Assignment of monies for school building purposes.

“Section 6. Where necessary, the Commissioner of Education, with the approval of the Governor, as chairman of the Territorial Board of Education, may assign and set apart to each school district established and maintained under the provisions of this Act, a sum for the purchase or construction of a school building or buildings, not to exceed the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00). Said sum shall be paid from the Territorial treasury upon the order and voucher of the Governor, as chairman of the Territorial Board of Education, out of an appropriation set apart for the establishment and

maintenance of public schools. The residue of such appropriations, or so much thereof as the Commissioner of Education may consider necessary, shall by him, with the approval of the Governor, as chairman of the Territorial Board of Education, be apportioned among the several school districts established under the provision of this Act, in such amounts for such district as the Commissioner of Education shall deem adequate to defray the expenses of the maintenance of the school for not more than nine (9) months in any one year; Provided, that where the children in a particular school district are so situated that it seems expedient and desirable to hold a short term of school in one section and a like term in another section the combined term may exceed nine (9) months in length if in the judgment of the Commissioner of Education the same may be necessary.

Funds for
maintenance
of schools,
how provided.

“In the event that the enrollment of pupils in any district is depleted to such an extent as to make the per capita pupil cost of maintenance excessive, such school may be closed by the Commissioner of Education with the approval of the Governor, as President of the Territorial Board of Education. Any school so closed may be re-opened at any time that the prospective enrollment warrants such action.”

Section 5. That an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

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