

CHAPTER 100.

AN ACT

[S. B. 87]

To appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), to be expended in promoting publicity in the Territory of Alaska, and declaring an emergency.

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

Appropriation
for Territorial
publicity.

Section 1. That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) is hereby appropriated out of the general fund of the Territory of Alaska to be expended under the direction of the Governor of the Territory of Alaska through the Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of encouraging publicity regarding resources of the Territory.

Emergency.

Section 2. An emergency is hereby declared and this Act shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved May 2, 1929.

CHAPTER 101.

AN ACT

[S. B. 23]

To provide for the protection, care, custody and tutelage of children who are destitute, demoralized or existing under demoralizing conditions, and to provide for the creation of Boards of Children's Guardians and prescribe their duties.

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

Board Child-
ren's Guardians
for each Divis-
ion.

Section 1. The Governor shall appoint in each Judicial Division in the Territory a Board of Children's Guardians consisting of three members, citizens of the United States and residents of the Division, one of whom shall be a woman, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor and shall serve without pay.

Unless and until the Governor shall otherwise appoint, the Judge of the District Court and the United States Marshal for the several Judicial Divisions shall serve as two members of said board. Such boards shall be the legal guardians of the children committed to their care pursuant to the provisions of law, and shall have authority to enter into contract for the support, custody, care and education of their wards, may bind them as apprentices or give them in adoption to foster parents, and may appoint agents to assist in looking after such wards. The members of the boards and its agents may at any time visit children who have been committed to the care of the board.

District Judge and U. S. Marshal ex officio members until—

Duties and powers.

Section 2. Each Board of Children's Guardians shall elect its own chairman and secretary and shall keep correct records of its transactions.

Officers of— records kept.

The Governor shall have the power to promulgate rules and regulations prescribing the form of records to be kept by the boards and the procedure for auditing accounts and paying bills.

Governor prescribes rules etc.

Section 3. The Commissioners and Ex Officio Justices of the Peace shall have jurisdiction to commit to the care of a Board of Children's Guardians any minor under sixteen years of age, who

Who may commit to—

- a. Is destitute of suitable home and adequate means for earning an honest living, or
- b. Has been abandoned by its parents or guardians, or
- c. Is living with or in the care of habitually drunk- en, vicious or otherwise unfit persons, or
- d. Is kept in vicious or immoral associations, or
- e. Is habitually begging or receiving alms, or
- f. Is vicious or incorrigible.

Causes for commitment.

Period of
commitment.

Such commitment may be for an indeterminate period not to exceed the time at which such minor shall arrive at the age of 21 years.

Proceedings
instituted how.

Section 4. Proceedings under this Act may be instituted upon verified complaint filed by a member of a Board of Children's Guardians, United States Marshal, Deputy Marshal or other reputable persons, before any Commissioner and Ex-Officio Justice of the Peace. When such complaint is so filed the Commissioner shall, if he finds the complaint presents a proper cause, fix a time for the hearing of the case, notice of which shall be given to parents or guardians of the child involved, and such witnesses as are presumably acquainted with the material facts shall be subpoenaed to appear and testify.

Hearing—
notice of,
to whom.

Child to be
present.

The child involved shall also be brought before the court at the time of the hearing either upon warrant issued to the United States Marshal or otherwise. If facts submitted to the Commissioner at or about the time of filing the complaint clearly satisfy the Commissioner that it is urgently important for the welfare of the child that the latter be taken care of by the Board of Children's Guardians immediately and pending final determination of the case, the Commissioner may authorize the Board to immediately take possession of the child and care for it pending such hearing and final determination or until further order of the court in the matter.

Board may have
possession child
pending hear-
ing.

Service of
process, by
whom.

Certified copy
of order of
commitment
sufficient au-
thority to hold
child.

It shall be the duty of the United States Marshals and Deputy Marshals to serve all process issued by any court under this Act, and a certified copy of any judgment or order committing a child under the provisions of this Act shall be sufficient authority for the person or institution to whom the child may have been committed to hold the same.

Decision by
judgment.

Section 5. The decision of the Commissioner and Ex-Officio Justice of the Peace in any cause or pro-

ceeding brought under the provisions of this Act shall be by judgment, and in all such cases an appeal shall lie from the judgment of the Commissioner to the District Court for the Territory of Alaska, and such appeal may be taken by the child affected by his or her guardian or guardian ad litem, the parent or parents of such child, or by any other interested party. Any such appeal shall be taken within thirty days from the date of the judgment sought to be reviewed, and the same shall be taken and prosecuted and heard in and by said District Court and final order or judgment or other decision made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter Ninety, Code of Civil Procedure, Compiled Laws of Alaska, governing appeals in probate cases.

Appeal—when.

Order made.

Approved May 2, 1929.

CHAPTER 102.

AN ACT

[H. B. 70]

To restore adequate water transportation to the Town of Iditarod, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Whereas, the waters of the Iditarod River have cut a new channel, thereby leaving the present Town of Iditarod on a slough, approximately one mile from the main channel of the river, and

Conditions at Iditarod.

Whereas, the said slough has gradually filled until it is now impossible to reach the town with the shallowest draft boats on a low stage of water, and the town will shortly be completely shut off from navigation, and

Whereas, this condition will add materially to a freight rate already extremely burdensome thus placing a severe handicap upon the residents of Iditarod and Flat.