

in one of such newspapers at least once a week for two consecutive weeks next prior to the date of the election.

Approved March 19, 1949.

CHAPTER 63

AN ACT

[S. B. 57]

Designating August 24th as Wickersham Day.

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

Section 1. It is the intent hereof to honor the memory of James Wickersham by giving official recognition of his many years of service for Alaska, evidenced of the following facts and events, namely:

(a) It was he who with Judge Brown and Judge Noyes in 1900 organized Alaska into three judicial divisions, one of which, to-wit, the Third he became District Judge, the duties of which office he discharged with distinction up to the time he became Alaska's Delegate to Congress in 1908.

(b) It was he who named Fairbanks in 1903; it was he who moved the court to the metropolis of the Interior and dedicated the first Courthouse in Fairbanks July 4, 1904.

(c) It was James Wickersham, who in 1903 organized and led the first expedition ever to attempt to climb Mount McKinley, the highest peak on the North American continent.

(d) It was he who introduced the bill creating the Mount McKinley National Park.

(e) It was James Wickersham who secured passage of the Organic Act, the Home Rule Bill that declared Alaska an organized Territory of the United States and created the legislative assembly elected by the people of Alaska.

(f) It was James Wickersham who wrote the first Statehood Bill for Alaska and introduced it to Congress October 18, 1916 (Alaska Day).

(g) It was he who introduced and eloquently fought for the passage of the Alaska Railroad Bill; he being the first delegate afforded the privilege of speaking before a joint session of the Senate and the House of Representatives in behalf of the Alaska Railroad, the speech lasting over 5 hours.

(h) It was James Wickersham's far vision for Alaska's educational system that led him to introduce a bill in 1915 to secure funds for the public schools of the Territory and establishment of the Agricultural College and School of Mines, which is now known as the University of Alaska.

(i) By endless toil and great expense, he collected numerous books, documents, maps and early Alaskan items dealing with the discovery and development of Alaska; these he recorded in his "Bibliography of Alaska Literature" an index of Alaska from 1724 to 1924; many of these records, books, pamphlets and other articles of literature are of inestimable value to the historian and are preserved in the Wickersham Memorial Library, now the nucleus of the Alaska Territorial Library.

Wickersham Day
designated.

Section 2. August 24th of each year is hereby designated Wickersham Day in honor of James Wickersham, said day to be the occasion for school assemblies with appropriate programs, and other suitable observances and exercises by civic groups and the public in general.

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CHAPTER 64

AN ACT

[H. B. 721]

To promote the public health of the people of the Territory of Alaska and to provide for premarital physical examinations and serological tests; prescribing powers and duties of the Commissioner of Health; defining offenses and prescribing penalties.

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

Section 1. PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE: PREREQUISITE FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE. Before any licensing officer shall issue any marriage license, each applicant therefor shall file with him a certificate from a licensed physician or surgeon, which certificate shall state the age of the applicant; that the applicant has been given a physical examination, including a standard serological test for syphilis, made not more than thirty days prior to the date of issuance of such license and that in the opinion of such physician or surgeon, the applicant either is not infected with syphilis or other venereal disease, or, if so infected, is not in a stage of such disease which is or which may become communicable.

Medical certificate required.

Section 2. SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LABORATORY REPORT. The certificate shall be accom-