

for the ensuing school year in conformity to the local salary stipulations including any annual increments. Nothing in this section shall apply to those administrators and teachers who are hired directly by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 2. School Boards in the several school districts of Alaska or the Commissioner of Education may enter into contracts with superintendents for a term of service longer than one school year, but not to exceed a period of three consecutive school fiscal years.

Term of  
superintendents'  
contract.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect July 1, 1949.

Approved March 21, 1949.

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## CHAPTER 75

### AN ACT

[S. B. 33]

Regarding powers of Public Utility Districts; amending Sec. 49-2-21 ACLA 1949; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. That Sec. 49-2-21 ACLA 1949 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 49-2-21. ENUMERATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS. Each Public Utility District shall have succession in its corporate name, may sue and be sued, including the bringing of injunction proceedings, in its corporate name, may adopt and use a corporate seal, which shall be judicially noticed; make

Powers of  
Public Utility

contracts to enforce or carry into effect any authority herein granted; may purchase, lease or otherwise acquire such real and personal property as it deems necessary or convenient in the transaction of its business, and may dispose of any such personal property held by it; may exercise the right of eminent domain; shall have power to construct, maintain and operate, alter and improve dams, reservoirs, power houses, power structures, transmission lines, water works, telephone systems, light plants, hospitals, wharves, docks, warehouses, cold storage plants and canneries for the processing and canning of fish and fish products; and to produce, distribute and sell such services and products; and shall have the right to own and operate such utilities or to grant franchises with reference thereto, provided that when a franchise is given to permit the use of streets and other public places for a period of not to exceed twenty years, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by ordinance of the governing body of the district, no such franchise shall be valid until it has been submitted to the electors of the district at an election and at least 55% of the votes cast are in favor of such franchise. It is further provided that with respect to such election at least thirty days notice shall be given in the same manner as is provided for notice of an annual municipal election, and which notice shall specify the purpose for which such election is called. Every ordinance granting such franchise shall include appropriate provisions for submitting same to the qualified electors of the district as above required, and the result of such election shall be canvassed publicly by the Board of Directors of the district and the result thereof publicly declared and certified. The Board of Directors

Districts.  
Percentage  
required to  
give franchise.

Contents of  
ordinance.

of the District shall also have power to appoint such officers, employees, attorneys and agents as may be necessary for the transaction of its business, fix their compensation, define their duties, require them to furnish bonds, if deemed necessary, and to remove them at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

Officers and employees.

Section 2. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

Emergency clause.

Approved March 21, 1949.

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## CHAPTER 76

### AN ACT

[S. B. 50]

Relating to Fire Control; and amending Secs. 65-5-11, 65-5-14 and 65-5-18 ACLA 1949.

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

Section 1. That Sec. 65-5-11 ACLA 1949 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 65-5-11. FIRE SEASON: ACTS PROHIBITED: CONVEYANCE EQUIPMENT: POSTING COPIES OF LAW. The period from April 30 to September 30, inclusive, of each year and any other period fixed by the Governor shall be designated the fire season. The Governor may proclaim such an additional period for all or any part of the Territory when weather or

Fire season.

Additional periods.