

present it to the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska at its next regular session.

Severability
clause.

Section 6. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Act and such application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Auditor to
reimburse
pensioners.

Section 7. The Auditor of the Territory of Alaska shall reimburse the Public Employees Retirement Fund for payments made to the pensioners named in Section 1 of this Act for Monthly Benefit Payments made during the current year of 1951 and prior to the enactment of this Act.

Appropriation.

Section 8. The sum of \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the monies in the Treasury of the Territory of Alaska not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

Repeals.

Section 9. Chapter 41, Sections 1 to 33 inclusive, of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1949, commonly known as the Public Employees Retirement Act, is hereby repealed.

Approved March 24, 1951.

CHAPTER 103

AN ACT

[S. J. C. S. H. B. 30]

To amend Sec. 51-1-2 ACLA 1949, as amended by Ch. 47 S.L.A. 1949, relating to the Territorial Department of Public Welfare and to the composition of the Board of Public Welfare for Alaska; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. That Sec. 51-1-2 ACLA 1949, as amended by Ch. 47 S.L.A. 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51-1-2. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE. There is hereby created a Department of Public Welfare, charged with the duty of supervising the administration of old-age assistance, aid to dependent children and blind persons and such other duties as may be conferred upon it by law. There is hereby created within the Department of Public Welfare a Territorial Board of Welfare which shall consist of four members appointed by the Governor, one from each Judicial Division. The term of office of each member of the Board shall be four years. The Board shall elect its own Chairman. All appointments by the Governor shall be subject to the approval of a majority of all members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Legislature in joint session assembled, and the names of appointees shall be submitted to the Legislature for consideration within fifteen days after the opening of the biennial session of the Legislature, provided that when an appointment is made at a time when the Legislature is not in session, such appointment shall be submitted to the Legislature for approval within fifteen days after the opening of the first session after such appointment is made and such appointee may discharge the functions of his office until the Legislature either approves or fails to approve such appointment; if any such appointment be disapproved another name shall be submitted within five days after such disapproval. Any appointee whose name

Department
created.

Board
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Confirmation.

Failure of
Legislature
to approve.

has been submitted who has failed of such approval shall not be eligible to hold office as a member of the Board under any appointment thereafter for a period of two years; vacancies in the Board shall be filled by appointment by the Governor.

Qualification.

QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS. No one shall be appointed as a member of the Board unless he is a citizen of the United States, is a resident of the Territory and of the Division from which he is appointed, and has been such resident of such Division for at least five years immediately preceding his appointment.

Compensation.

COMPENSATION. Each member of the Board shall receive his actual travelling and subsistence expense while attending a meeting of the Board and in addition thereto the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per day for each day such member is actually and necessarily absent from his place of residence due to attendance at Board meetings, but no member shall in any event receive more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) salary in addition to expenses in any one calendar year.

Director to be appointed.

WELFARE DIRECTOR. The Board of Public Welfare shall appoint a Welfare Director who shall be the chief executive of the Board. His compensation may be equal to but not more than the amount paid other principal Territorial department heads and his appointment shall be for a term of four years subject to removal at the pleasure of the Board. No person shall be appointed Welfare Director unless he be a citizen of the United States, and in selecting a qualified person to fill said office, the Board

Qualifications.

shall give prior consideration to applicants who are residents of Alaska. No person shall be appointed to said office unless he is fitted by training and experience to administer the affairs of the Department of Public Welfare. The Director may, with the approval of the Board, appoint such assistants and employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance of the duties prescribed in this Act and shall fix the compensation of such assistants and employees. The Director shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the Board and shall perform such duties as the Board may assign to him.

Assistants.

Section 2. An emergency is hereby declared to exist ^{Emergency} and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its pas- _{clause.} sage and approval.

Approved March 24, 1951.

CHAPTER 104

AN ACT

[C. S. H. B. 33]

Pertaining to teachers' and superintendents' salaries; amending Secs. 37-6-1 and 37-6-2 ACLA 1949, as amended by Chapter 69 S.L.A. 1949; and establishing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Sec. 37-6-1 ACLA 1949, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 69 S.L.A. 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows: