

involving the acquisition of any real property or any interests therein, for any purpose for which the Territory is authorized the power of eminent domain, the petitioner may file in the cause, with the petition or at any time before judgment, a declaration of taking signed by

the Territorial authority empowered by law to acquire the real property or any interests therein or any easement described in the petition, declaring that said real property or any interests therein or any easement is thereby taken for the use of the Territory of Alaska.

Approved March 28, 1955

CHAPTER 139

AN ACT

To provide for the emergency financial assistance to school districts under certain conditions; fixing standards and procedures for allowing such assistance; and setting effective dates for the operation of the Act.

(H. B. 193)

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

Section 1. It is the intent and purpose of this Act to provide limited emergency financial assistance, in addition to that provided by Article 5, Title 37, ACLA 1949, to school districts wherein the financial circumstances, as determined upon the basis of standards fixed by this Act, threaten to jeopardize continuance of an adequate school program.

Section 2. The school board of any incorporated, independent, or city school district, wherein the as-

essed values of all real and personal property subject to taxation therein, divided by the average daily membership of all resident pupils for the preceding school year, totals less than \$11,000, may apply for and receive emergency financial assistance under this Act. For the purposes herein the assessed value of the real and personal property subject to taxation in a district shall be determined upon an assessment basis of not less than 75% of the actual value of the property.

Section 3. Upon receipt of an ap-

plication for assistance under this Act, the Commissioner of Education shall make an immediate investigation of the financial circumstances of the applying district and report thereon to the Board of Education. If by the investigation and report it appears that a property tax levy of ten mills on the real and personal property in the district, assessed on the basis provided in Section 2 of this Act, plus all additional revenues from tuition, Federal or Territorial aid, or other sources, would be insufficient to meet the requirements of the current year's budget of the district, as approved pursuant to Article 5, Title 37, ACLA 1949, the Board may direct the Commissioner to give emergency financial assistance to the district as provided in this Act. School districts receiving special financial assistance from the Alaska Native Service shall not be eligible for assistance under this Act.

Section 4. The financial assistance authorized herein shall be in an amount determined necessary by

the Commissioner, but it shall not exceed 10% of that portion of the approved budget of the district on which Territorial refunds are determined for the current year or \$5,000, whichever is the lesser amount. Payment shall be made upon vouchers approved by the Commissioner of Education, either in a single payment or in such other manner as he may deem advisable. The Commissioner may withhold assistance for any district which fails to pay the salaries of its teachers currently and in full, and such district shall be liable to repay on demand by the Commissioner any sums theretofore allowed it under this Act in the current school year.

Section 5. Funds for administration of this Act shall be included in those appropriated for the support of schools in the Territory.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect July 1, 1955, and shall terminate June 30, 1957, unless otherwise provided by law.

Approved March 28, 1955

CHAPTER 140

AN ACT

To provide scholarships at the University of Alaska for certain native students; setting forth the terms and limitations; and related matters.

(H. B. 215)