

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

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$3,328.45, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any moneys in the Treasury of the Territory of Alaska not otherwise appropriated, for payment of the following legislative expenses incurred by the Twenty-second Legislature:

Indexing Session Laws...	\$ 500.00
Call for bids for legislative items	31.02
Cleaning and repairing legislative typewriters .	360.00
Pres-To-Line	99.00
Rental of two typewriters for use of Legislature ..	24.00
Public Address Systems ..	220.00
Reprint of Standing Committee cards	20.55
Miscellaneous supplies ...	100.40
Social Security	973.48
Salaries of legislative employees	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$3,328.45

Salaries of legislative employees and other necessary legislative expenses incurred by the Twenty-second Session of the Legislature may be paid from any unexpended balances of the appropriation made by H. J. R. No. 1, 22nd Session of the Legislature of Alaska, upon vouchers approved by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

Section 2. The moneys hereby appropriated shall be used for the expenses listed and shall be paid by warrants drawn by the Treasurer of the Territory of Alaska upon vouchers approved by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Section 3. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Approved March 28, 1955

CHAPTER 144

AN ACT

Relating to absentee ballots; requiring the Clerk of the District Court to forward ballots and notices to postmasters in localities 5 miles or more from any U. S. Commissioner's office; amending Section 38-9-6,

ACLA, 1949, Sec. 38-9-2, ACLA, 1949, as amended by Ch. 58, SLA, 1949, and as amended by Ch. 135, SLA, 1953, and Section 38-9-12, ACLA, 1949, as amended by Ch. 135, SLA, 1953.

(S. B. 33)

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

Section 1. Section 38-9-6, Alaska Compiled Laws Annotated, 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 38-9-6. Clerk of Court to Forward Absentee Voters' Ballots to Commissioners and Postmasters; Return of Unused and Marred Ballots. The clerk of the District Court shall prepare and forward to the Commissioner and ex-officio Recorder for each of the recording districts in his judicial division, and to all Postmasters authorized by law to administer oaths and execute the certificate required, when such Postmasters are located more than five miles from the nearest Commissioner's office, in a separate package or envelope marked, "Absentee Voters' Ballots", a separate set of official ballots for use by absentee voters, together with the necessary small envelopes and larger envelopes required by this Act, supplied to the Commissioners in a number estimated to fill all demands taking into consideration the number of votes cast during the previous general election and the number of absentee ballots forwarded to the Postmasters in the immediate vicinity; and to the Postmasters a number equal to 20 per centum

of the estimated number of voters served by each post office located more than five miles from a Commissioner's Office. Such ballots shall be forwarded so as to reach the several Commissioners and postmasters at least 40 days prior to the general election. All unused and marred ballots, together with the numbered stubs that have been detached by the Commissioner, shall be returned to the clerk of the District Court upon the expiration of the time for absentee voting. The Clerk shall also send to each such postmaster a large printed notice, or poster, stating that absentee ballots are available and containing instructions for filling out such ballots.

Section 2. Subsection (a) of Section 38-9-2, Alaska Compiled Laws Annotated, 1949, as amended by Chapter 58, Session Laws of Alaska, 1949, and as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 135, Session Laws of Alaska, 1953, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Application for Official Ballot.

(a) Any elector desiring to vote under the provisions of this Article (Sections 38-9-1 to 38-9-16 herein) may, not more than 40 days nor less than 1 day before such election, apply in person, or

by mail to any Commissioner of the recording district of which he is a resident for an official ballot; provided, that such elector abiding in any locality which is a distance of 5 miles or more from the office of a Commissioner and who will upon election day be more than two miles distant from the polling place at which he is required to vote, may call in person upon the Postmaster of such locality for an official blank ballot and envelopes as specified in Section 38-9-3, ACLA, 1949, as amended, and such Postmasters are hereby authorized to issue the ballots and envelopes to qualified persons and administer the oath and execute the certificate as required.

Section 3. Section 38-9-12, ACLA, 1949, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 135, SLA 1953, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 38-9-12. Canvass of Ballots Received After Making of First Canvass.

(a) When fully satisfied that all absentee voters' ballots have been received at his office, and not later than thirty days from date of said election, the clerk of the District Court shall give notice of a second and final canvass of the absentee voters' ballots received after the first canvass was made and the said judge of the election shall make an official canvass of the same in the same manner as herein prescribed for the first canvass of

absentee voters' ballots, and shall make returns to the Territorial Canvassing Board in the same manner and form as is provided for the first canvass; Provideç, however, no such ballot shall be canvassed or counted unless received by the clerk of the District Court within thirty days from the date of said election. Each of said returns shall be tallied and counted by the Territorial Canvassing Board in the same manner as the returns of the judges of election for the several voting precincts.

(b) Any ballot cast by an absentee voter shall be void if:

(1) the voter fails to enclose his marked ballot within the small envelope provided, sealing it therein;

(2) the voter fails to properly execute the affidavit;

(3) the officer administering the oath fails to affix his signature; and, if a Commissioner or Notary Public, his seal;

(4) the ballot has not been delivered to the Clerk of the Court or to a Commissioner, within the time limit prescribed by this Act, or if mailed, does not bear a postmark dated within said time limit.

(c) When an elector improperly marks that portion of a ballot containing the names of candidates for one office, that portion only shall be considered void, and the balance of the ballot shall be counted .

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