

108, SLA, 1949, pertaining to the Alaska Statehood Committee, and setting an effective date.

(H. B. 170)

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

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$75,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to be used as an additional

appropriation for the purposes specified in Chapter 108, Session Laws of 1949.

Section 2. This Act shall be in effect on and after April 1, 1955.

Approved March 29, 1955

CHAPTER 171

AN ACT

Relating to dissolution of and exclusion of territory from Public Utility Districts; amending Sec. 49-2-13, ACLA, 1949, as amended by Ch. 97, SLA, 1953.

(C. S. for H. B. 16)

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

Section 1. Section 49-2-13, ACLA, 1949, is (as) amended by Chapter 97, Session Laws of Alaska, 1953, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 49-2-13. **Dissolution.** First: Any duly incorporated Public Utility District may be dissolved in like manner as provided for the dissolution of municipal corporations as set forth in Section

16-1-5. A petition for dissolution may be filed whenever (a) the population of a district falls below two hundred, (b) the whole or the integral part of a district becomes annexed to an incorporated city, (c) the government of such district has failed to exercise any of its powers or functions for more than two successive years, or, (d) other good and sufficient reasons for dissolution appear and are stated in the pe-

tition. No order of dissolution shall be made until all indebtedness owing by the district shall have been paid or secured to the bondholders and creditors of such district in a manner found satisfactory by the court.

Second: Any money belonging or owing to a public utility district and any and all property owned by such district dissolved as herein provided shall become the property of the Territory of Alaska in the same manner as property of a dissolved city; except that where a public utility district is dissolved because of annexation of the whole or the integral part of such district to an incorporated city, such money or property shall be used, first, to pay any outstanding indebtedness of the district, second, any money or property left thereafter shall become the property of the city, but insofar as practicable shall be used for the purpose of making public improvements in the area so annexed, Provided that, in cases where a part of the district is annexed containing district assets, the Court shall fairly apportion the assets or proceeds thereof between the part annexed and the remaining portion of the district.

Third: Any portion of a district may be excluded in like manner as provided for the exclusion of territory from incorporated cities in Section 16-1-25, ACLA, 1949, or in the alternative, the Board of Directors of any such district may

provide by ordinance or resolution for the exclusion of any such portion upon such reasonable terms and conditions as such ordinance or resolution may prescribe, except that such exclusion ordinance shall not become effective until approved by a majority of the qualified electors in the area to be excluded, as well as by a majority of the qualified electors in the remaining portion of such public utility district at a special election held in like manner as is provided for franchise elections, in Section 49-2-21, ACLA, 1949, as amended; Provided, that when any portion of a public utility district is thus dissolved, all property located in the excluded area shall remain liable for and subject to the lien of any outstanding bonded indebtedness, accrued assessments or taxes of such district and all property in such excluded area owned by such district shall be and remain the property of the district; Provided, that the excluded territory shall not be liable for any taxes levied after the date of exclusion, except for payment of any liability for the principal, interest and charges on bonded indebtedness subject to lien as aforesaid.

Fourth: When any territory of a public utility district is annexed to a city, that territory is automatically excluded from the public utility district from and after the date that the annexation order or ordinance shall take effect; Provided, that no order of an-

nexation shall be made until all indebtedness owing by the district shall have been paid or secured to the bondholders and

creditors of such district in a manner found satisfactory by the court.

Approved March 29, 1955

CHAPTER 172

AN ACT

To reimburse certain Territorial employees for the loss of personal effects while in the performance of official duties; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

(C. S. for H. B. 21)

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

- (1) Kenneth N. Thorson . \$226.15
- (2) William Simonds . . . 260.75
- (3) Clinton Stockley 136.00

Section 1. The sum of \$622.90 is hereby appropriated out of monies in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated as restitution for the unavoidable loss of personal gear by the following employees of the Territorial Department of Fisheries while engaged in the performance of their official duties:

Section 2. Payment under this appropriation shall be made upon voucher approved by the Director of Alaska Department of Fisheries.

Section 3. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved March 29, 1955