

duties; amending Section 1 of Chapter 93, SLA, 1949; and declaring an emergency.

(H. B. 81)

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 93, Session Laws of Alaska, 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. **Alaska Bus Transportation Commission.** There is hereby established the Alaska Bus Transportation Commission to be composed of the Highway Engineer,

the Territorial Treasurer and the Attorney General. The Highway Engineer shall be Chairman of the Commission. It shall be the duty of said Commission to administer the provisions of said Chapter 93, SLA, 1949.

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

Approved March 3, 1955

CHAPTER 21

AN ACT

To amend Sections 4 and 5 of Chapter 89, Session Laws of Alaska, 1953, relating to payment of costs and jury findings of presumptive death.

(H. B. 91)

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

Section 1. Section 4, Chapter 89, Session Laws of Alaska 1953, is amended to read as follows:—

Sec. 4. After having heard all evidence presented, the jury shall

retire to agree upon a verdict. If the jury, by their unanimous verdict in writing find that sufficient evidence has been presented to them from which it fairly may be presumed that such missing person has met death, and if the Commissioner approve

such finding, then, after a period of six months has elapsed, such person shall be presumed to be dead and the Commissioner shall enter an order to that effect, provided, that in cases where there is clear and convincing evidence of the presumed death the Commissioner, in his discretion, may sooner enter the order therein.

Section 2. Section 5, Chapter 89, Session Laws of Alaska 1953, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. The Commissioner, members of the jury and witnesses shall be entitled to the same compensation as in civil actions in a justice's court, and such compen-

sation and other incidental expenses shall be audited and allowed as in the case of other similar expenses incurred by Commissioners and now audited and allowed. When the Commissioner himself has submitted the petition in compliance with Section 1 of this Act and there is no interested party nor an estate from which the costs of such proceedings can be audited and allowed, then the costs shall be paid from the "Relief Fund" for lost persons designated by Section 40-8-2, Alaska Compiled Laws Annotated, 1949, upon vouchers properly made out, signed and sworn to by the Commissioner.

Approved March 3, 1955

CHAPTER 22

AN ACT

To appropriate the sum of \$571.25 as a deficiency appropriation to be used in paying United States Commissioners, Clerks of Court, and others for recording and reporting Vital Statistics records for the biennium ending March 31, 1953; and setting an effective date.

(H. B. 67)

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

Section 1. The sum of \$571.25 is appropriated for the use of the

Registrar of Vital Statistics in paying United States Commissioners, Clerks of Court, and others for recording and reporting Vital Sta-