

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

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## 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-

tistics records for the biennium ending March 31, 1953.

Section 2. An emergency is here-

by declared to exist. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved February 24, 1955

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## CHAPTER 23

### AN ACT

**To appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 as a deficiency appropriation to be used in paying United States Commissioners, Clerks of Court, and others for recording and reporting Vital Statistics records; and setting an effective date.**

(H. B. 68)

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

Section 1. The sum of \$7,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, 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 Statistics records for the biennium ending March 31, 1955.

Section 2. An emergency is hereby declared to exist. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved March 3, 1955

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## CHAPTER 24

### AN ACT

**To authorize incorporated cities to adopt nationally-recognized codes by reference.**

(H. B. 17)