

Qualified Voter in Alaska. In addition to any other statutory qualifications, persons appointed to any Board or Commission of the Territorial Government, shall have the qualifications necessary to vote in Alaska.

Section 6. Inconsistent Laws Repealed. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of

this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. Emergency. An emergency is hereby declared and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval, or upon its becoming law without such approval, and it is so enacted.

CHAPTER 65

AN ACT

Pertaining to the regulation of private employment agencies, Chapter 94, Session Laws of Alaska 1953, and prescribing penalties.

(S. B. 89)

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

Section 1. Chapter 94 Session Laws of Alaska 1953 is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

Sec. 6. Any person who wil-

fully violates any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Approved March 23, 1955

CHAPTER 66

AN ACT

To establish an office of Fire Marshal within the Department of Terri-

torial Police; setting forth powers and duties.

(S. B. 24)

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

Section 1. There is hereby created within the Department of Territorial Police the office of Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal shall be appointed by the Superintendent of Police with the approval of the Police Commissioners. He shall be under the direct supervision of, and responsible to, the Superintendent of Police, and shall serve full time at the assigned duty or duties imposed by this Act. The Fire Marshal shall be qualified by experience and training in the examination of buildings and structures and the detection of arson, criminal negligence, the detection and elimination of fire hazards, and fire fighting and prevention. His rate of pay shall be the prevailing pay rate of a Captain of the Territorial Police provided, however, he shall be subject to promotion pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Alaska Department of Police. The functions of the office shall be to foster, promote, regulate, and develop ways and means of protecting life and property against fire, explosion, and panic.

Section 2. The Fire Marshall shall be an employee of the Department of Territorial Police and shall exercise the functions of a police officer. He may delegate such functions of the office as may be necessary for the administration of this

Act to other officers of the Territorial Police or municipal Fire Departments who shall be designated as Deputy Fire Marshals. The Fire Marshal shall aid in the enforcement of all laws and ordinances and any rules and regulations adopted under the provisions of this Act and other laws not inconsistent therewith relating to fires or to fire prevention and protection; and shall encourage the adoption of fire prevention measures by means of education, and shall prepare or cause to be prepared for dissemination information relating to the subject of fire prevention and extinguishment.

Section 3. If there is reason to believe that any fire has resulted from crime or that crime has been committed in connection with any fire, the Fire Marshal shall report that fact in writing to the United States District Attorney of the judicial division in which the fire occurred. If the fire occurred in an incorporated city having a regularly organized fire department, such investigations and reports shall be made in conjunction with the fire official of that area.

Section 4. The Fire Marshal is hereby authorized to assist, receive assistance from, and otherwise cooperate with any investigator or agent employed by any Fire Insurance Company licensed to do business within the Territory of Alaska,

or with any such investigator or agent employed by any association of such insurance companies.

Section 5. The Fire Marshal may enter upon or into any commercial, business, or public property during any reasonable business hours for the sole purpose of making inspections of such property, or for the sole purpose of abatement of fire hazards.

Section 6. During the existence of a fire, the Fire Marshal may protect by removal or otherwise, any personal property which is affected thereby until the arrival of the owner or claimant. If the owner or claimant does not take charge of said property within 24 hours, the Fire Marshal may store it at the owner's or claimant's expense.

Section 7. The Fire Marshal may abate fire hazards existing on any commercial, business, or public property which exists in violation of law or regulations made in compliance with law, the abatement shall be by the owner, and the Fire Marshal may take appropriate action to assure such abatement.

Section 8. The Fire Marshal, with the advice and approval of the Superintendent of Territorial Police and the Attorney General shall prepare and adopt rules and regulations establishing minimum standards for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in any building or structure used or intended for use as an asylum, jail,

mental hospital, hospital, sanitarium, home for aged, children's nursery, children's home or institution, school, or any similar occupancy of any capacity, and in any theater, dance hall, skating rink, auditorium, roadhouse, hotel, motor court, assembly hall, meeting hall, night club, fair building, or similar place of assemblage of any capacity. Rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section shall establish minimum standards relating to the means of egress and the adequacy of exits from the installation and maintenance of fire extinguishing and fire alarm systems in, the storage and handling of combustible or explosive materials or substances, and the installation and maintenance of appliances, equipment, decorations, and furnishings that present a fire, explosion or panic hazard, and such minimum standards shall be predicated on the height and fire resistive qualities of the building or structure and the type of occupancy for which it is used. The rules and regulations shall apply to auxiliary or accessory buildings used or intended for use with any of the occupancies mentioned in this section. Violation of any rule or regulation shall be deemed a violation of this Act. In preparing and adopting rules and regulations affecting public schools, the Fire Marshal shall also secure the advice of the Department of Education.

Section 9. The Fire Marshal and the chiefs of any city fire department and their authorized representatives in their respective areas,

may enforce rules and regulations that have been formally adopted by the Fire Marshal for the prevention of fire or for the protection of life and property against fire or panic. All police officers of the Department of Territorial Police are hereby authorized to assist the Fire Marshal in the enforcement of the provisions of this Act and rules

and regulations made and promulgated in accordance with this Act. The authority herein conferred shall, in addition to the provisions of this Act, extend to the enforcement of the provisions of Sections 65-5-1 through 65-5-19, Alaska Compiled Laws Annotated, 1949, as amended.

Approved March 23, 1955

CHAPTER 67

AN ACT

To authorize the city council of cities of the first class to permit the city, its officers, employees, or other representatives to acquire membership in certain organizations and to appear before legislative and administrative bodies; amending Section 16-1-35, ACLA, 1949, as amended, by adding thereto subsection Twenty-sixth.

(S. B. 31)

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

Section 1. Section 16-1-35, Alaska Compiled Laws Annotated, 1949, as amended, is amended by adding thereto subsection Twenty-sixth as follows:

Twenty-sixth: To authorize the city, its officers, employees, or other representatives to: (a) acquire membership in organizations for purposes of acquiring and disseminating technical infor-

mation, improving governmental efficiency, promoting cooperation among cities, and for such other purposes as may be in the public interest; (b) appear before legislative and administrative bodies and committees to give information and otherwise secure legislative and administrative action deemed beneficial by the council; (c) expend funds or take such other action as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

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