

CHAPTER 140

AN ACT

Increasing the membership on the Legislative Council and providing that representation on said Council shall be from each Judicial Division; amending Section 2 of Chapter 69, SLA 1953, as amended by Chapter 74, SLA 1955; amending Section 6 of Chapter 69, SLA 1953; and declaring an emergency.

(H. B. 238)

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

Section 1. Section 2 of Chapter 69, SLA 1953, as amended by Chapter 74, SLA 1955 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Legislative Council: Membership. There is hereby created the Legislative Council of the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, which shall consist of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and four other Senators, one from each Judicial Division, and four other Representatives, one from each Judicial Division, who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, respectively, within ten days after the passage and approval of this Act, and thereafter prior to the adjournment of each regular session of the Legislature. Whenever possible, the membership of the Council shall include at least two members from each of the two major political parties. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed. When any vacancy exists in the membership of the Council the President of the Senate shall appoint some other member of the Senate to fill such vacancy if the person previously filling such

position was a Senator and the Speaker of the House shall appoint some other member of the House of Representatives to fill such vacancy if the person previously filling such position was a member of the House of Representatives, provided that any such vacancy be filled by a person from the same political party and from the same Division as that in which the vacancy occurred, if possible.

Sec. 2. Sec. 6 of Ch. 69, SLA 1953, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. Meetings. Quorum. The Council shall meet immediately upon the appointment of all of its members, for the purpose of organizing and fixing the time for its next meeting, which shall be within six months after the adjournment of the legislative session. The Council shall also meet once no less than four months prior to the convening of the next legislative session, for the purpose of making its final report. The Council may meet at any other times and at any place within the Territory of Alaska, which they deem necessary, Provided that meetings may be called upon the written petition of two members of the Council, or upon the call of its

chairman. No meeting shall exceed ten days duration.

Full and complete minutes shall be kept of every meeting, which shall be made part of the final report. Five members shall con-

stitute a quorum.

Sec. 3. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Approved March 30, 1957

CHAPTER 141

AN ACT

Relating to the crime of arson; amending Sections 65-5-1, 65-5-2, 65-5-3, 65-5-5, and 65-5-6 ACLA 1949; and repealing Section 65-5-7 ACLA 1949.

(S. B. 23)

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

Section 1. Sec. 65-5-1 ACLA 1949, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 65-5-1. **Arson: First Degree: Burning of Dwellings.** Any person who willfully and maliciously sets fire to or burns or causes to be burned or who aids, counsels or procures the burning of any dwelling house, whether occupied, unoccupied or vacant, or any kitchen, shop, barn, stable or other outhouse that is parcel thereof, or belonging to or adjoining thereto, whether the property of himself or of another, shall be guilty of arson in the first degree, and upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than two nor more than twenty years.

Sec. 2. Sec. 65-5-2 ACLA 1949, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 65-5-2. ————— **Second Degree: Burning of Buildings or Structures Other Than Dwellings.** Any person who willfully

and maliciously sets fire to or burns or causes to be burned, or who aids, counsels or procures the burning of any building or structure of whatsoever class or character, whether the property of himself or of another, not included or described in the preceding section, shall be guilty of arson in the second degree, and upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years or by fine of not more than five thousand dollars or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 3. Sec. 65-5-3 ACLA 1949, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 65-5-3. **Arson: Third Degree: Burning of Other Property.** Any person who willfully and maliciously sets fire to or burns or causes to be burned, or who aids, counsels or procures the burning of any personal property of whatsoever class or character; (such property being of the value of one hundred dollars and the property of another person), shall