

staff shall not engage in or be associated with any partisan political activity.

**Sec. 12. Prohibitions.** The Legislative Auditor shall not serve in any ex-officio capacity on any administrative board or commission, or have any financial interest in the transactions of any agency.

**Sec. 13. Powers: Hearings.** The committee shall have the authority to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any papers, books, accounts, documents, and testimony, and to cause the desposition of witnesses to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for taking depositions in civil actions. In case of disobedience or the refusal on the part of any person to comply with any subpoena issued on behalf of the committee, or on the refusal of any witness to testify to any matters regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, any superior court or judge thereof, may on application of the committee, compel obedience by proceedings for contempt, in the same manner as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal to testify therein. Each witness who appears before the committee by its order, other than an officer or employee of the State of Alaska, shall receive for his attendance the fees and mileage provided for witnesses in civil cases in courts of record, which shall be audited and paid upon the presentation of proper vouchers sworn to by such witnesses and approved by the chairman of the com-

mittee.

**Sec. 14. Verification of Deposits.** In verifying any of the audits made, the Legislative Auditor shall have the right to ascertain the amounts on deposit, in any bank or banks, belonging to any agency required to be audited, and shall have the right to audit said account on the books of such bank. No bank shall be liable for making available to the Legislative Auditor any of the information required under the provisions of this section.

**Sec. 15. Payment of Salaries and Expenses.** The salary of the Legislative Auditor and the other employees of the Division of Legislative Audit shall be paid in the same manner and through the same procedure used for the payment of salaries of other state employees. Expenses of the Division of Legislative Audit shall be included in the general appropriation bill.

**Sec. 16. Political Subdivisions.** Nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to give the Legislative Auditor the authority to audit cities, school districts, or other political subdivisions of the state.

**Sec. 17. Repealer.** Sec. 1 through and including Sec. 17 of Art. V, Ch. 82, SLA 1955 as amended by Sec. 12 through and including Sec. 16 of Ch. 186, SLA 1957 are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 18. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Approved April 15, 1959

## CHAPTER 87

### AN ACT

**Making provision for a verdict by not less than five-sixths of the jury in all civil cases; relating to special verdicts; and providing for an effective date.**

(C.S.H.B. 57)

**Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

Section 1. In all civil cases tried by a jury in any court of the state, whether a court of record or not of record, not less than five-sixths of the jury is

authorized to render a verdict which is entitled to the legal effect of a unanimous verdict at common law. Special verdicts need not be concurred in by the same jurors.

Sec. 2. This Act shall apply to all

cases tried after the effective date hereof regardless of when commenced.

mediately upon its passage and approval, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect im-

Approved April 16, 1959

## CHAPTER 88

### AN ACT

**Defining public schools for purposes of Public Law 85-508, 85th Congress, Second Session; and providing for an effective date.**

(S.B. 82)

**Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

Section 1. Public schools, for purposes of Public Law 85-508, 85th Congress, Second Session, and particularly Section 6 (f) thereof, shall include public elementary schools, public high schools, the University of Alaska and such other public educational institutions as hereafter may be established; provided, that nothing in this Act shall be construed as referring to or as in-

cluding schools for Alaska aborigines, which are now and which may hereafter come under the control of the Federal Government and be administered and supervised through the Department of Interior or the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Approved April 16, 1959

## CHAPTER 89

### AN ACT

**Relating to jurisdiction and ownership of offshore waters and lands lying thereunder.**

(S.B. 97)

**Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

Section 1. The jurisdiction of this State shall extend to and over, and be exercisable with respect to, waters offshore from the coasts of this State as follows:

law or by any agreement, international or otherwise, to which the United States of America or this State may be party.

(3) All submerged lands, including the subsurface thereof, lying under said aforementioned waters.

(1) The marginal sea to its outermost limits as said limits may from time to time be defined or recognized by the United States of America by international treaty or otherwise.

Sec. 2. The ownership of the waters and submerged lands enumerated or described in Section 1 of this act shall be in this State unless it shall be, with respect to any given parcel or area, in any other person or entity by virtue of a valid and effective instrument of conveyance or by operation of law.

(2) The high seas to whatever extent jurisdiction therein may be claimed by the United States of America, or to whatever extent may be recognized by the usages and customs of international

Sec. 3. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit or restrict in any way: