

## CHAPTER 5

## AN ACT

**Relating to the district magistrate courts; amending subsec. (1) (e), Sec. 8, subsec. (1), Sec. 16, and subsec. (3), Sec. 20, Art. I, Ch. 184, SLA 1959; adding a new subsection to subsec. (2), Sec. 8, Art. I, Ch. 184, SLA 1959; and repealing subsec. (5), Sec. 19, Art. I, Ch. 184, SLA 1959; and providing for an effective date.**

(H.B. 295)

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

Section 1. Subsec. (e) of subsec. (1), Sec. 8, Art. I, Ch. 184, SLA 1959 is amended to read as follows:

(e) To act as examining magistrates in preliminary examinations in criminal proceedings; to set, receive and forfeit bail and to order the release of defendants under bail.

Sec. 2. Subsec. (1), Sec. 16, Art. I, Ch. 184, SLA 1959 is amended to read as follows:

(1) **District Magistrate.** A district magistrate, while holding office, may not practice law, except before a federal district court or federal agency and when such practice does not interfere with the performance of his official duties as magistrate, and except as herein otherwise provided, engage in the conduct of any other profession, vocation or business for profit or compensation, hold office in a political party, or hold any other office or position of profit under the United States, the state or its political subdivisions, except that the district magistrate may be appointed deputy clerk of the

superior court and may hold the office of the United States commissioner. Any district magistrate filing for an elective public office forfeits his judicial position.

Sec. 3. Subsec. (3), Sec. 20, Art. I, Ch. 184, SLA 1959 is amended to read as follows:

(3) **Time for Appeal: Trial De Novo.** Appeals shall be taken within thirty days from the date of entry of the judgment. All appeals shall be on the record unless the superior court, in its discretion, shall grant a trial de novo, in whole or in part.

Sec. 4. Subsec. (2), Sec. 8, Art. I, Ch. 184, SLA 1959 is amended by adding a new subsection as follows:

(c) To take custody and control of and preserve the property and estate of deceased persons until a legal custodian has been appointed.

Sec. 5. Subsec. (5), Sec. 19, Art. I, Ch. 184, SLA 1959 is repealed.

Sec. 6. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

Approved February 20, 1960

## CHAPTER 6

## AN ACT

**Relating to scholarships for certain native students; amending Sec. 3, Ch. 140, SLA 1955.**

(S.B. 160)

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

Section 1. Sec. 3, Ch. 140, SLA 1955 is amended to read as follows:

Section 3. **Scholarships.** The Board of Regents of the University of Alaska shall offer scholarships to Alaskan natives desiring to attend the University of Alaska, not to exceed 15 new

scholarships for each academic year. Preference shall be given to natives residing in the rural areas of Alaska who desire to receive training in the field of education. If there are more than 15 applications the Board of Regents shall award 15 scholarships to those applicants who have the highest scholastic record or who are determined

by the Board of Regents to be the most qualified among the applicants and who are financially unable to obtain a higher education without assistance. The University shall provide such minimum financial assistance to such students as shall be necessary in each individual case, but not to exceed fees, board and room in any case.

Approved February 22, 1960

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## CHAPTER 7

### AN ACT

**Transferring between certain line item appropriations made to the Division of Legislative Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960; and providing for an effective date.**

(H.B. 316)

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

Section 1. The sum of \$1,250.00 is hereby transferred from the line item appropriation for travel and per diem made to the Division of Legislative Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960; \$1,000.00 of this amount is transferred to

the line item for the personal services and the remaining \$250.00 is transferred to the line item for contractual services.

Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

Approved February 24, 1960

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## CHAPTER 8

### AN ACT

**Amending the law dealing with coroners' inquests; repealing and re-enacting Sec. 66-24-5, ACLA 1949; and providing for an effective date.**

(H.B. 261)

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

Section 1. Sec. 66-24-5, ACLA 1949 is repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 66-24-5. **Subpoena and Examination of Witnesses.** That the magistrate or deputy magistrate must subpoena and examine as witnesses persons who in his opinion have knowledge of

the material facts, and also an appointed medical examiner when available, or otherwise a medical doctor when available, who must examine the body and give a professional opinion as to the cause of the death or wounding.

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

Approved February 24, 1960