

proved by the Attorney General, shall be signed by the lessee and upon approval by the Attorney General, shall be signed by the lessee and upon approval by the Commissioner, shall also be signed by the Director. Provided, however, and prior to the signing of the formal lease by the Director, the Commissioner may reject any and all bids for leases when the best interest of Alaska justifies such action.

Sec. 4. Continuity of Federal Payment Schedules. Sec. 3, Art. V, Ch. 169, SLA 1959, as amended by Sec. 11, Ch. 61, SLA 1960, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. Leasing Provisions. The lease shall require advance payment of the annual rent or such portion thereof as the Director, with the approval of the Commissioner, may require, as determined by the accepted bid, provided, however, that preference right lessees of grazing or forest lands will be allowed to follow the payment schedule established in their cancelled Federal lease or permit if they so desire. Such conditions, limitations and terms may also be imposed by the Director, with the approval of the Commissioner, as he shall deem necessary and proper to protect the interests of Alaska. Violations

of any provision of this Act or the terms of the lease shall subject the purchaser to appropriate legal action, including, but not limited to, a forfeiture of the lease. Due notice of all action by the Commissioner or Director affecting the rights of the lease shall be given the lessee.

Sec. 5. Continuity of Federal Terminal Rights. The third paragraph of Sec. 4, Art. V, Ch. 169, SLA 1959, as amended by Sec. 12, Ch. 61, SLA 1960, is amended to read as follows:

If any improvements or chattels, or both, having an appraised value of \$10,000.00 or less, as determined by the Director, are not removed within the time allowed, such improvements or chattels, or both, shall revert to and absolute title shall vest in Alaska; provided, however, that the preference right lessees of grazing or forest lands will be allowed to follow the provisions for removal of improvements upon termination of the lease as authorized in the cancelled Federal lease or permit.

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

Approved April 13, 1961

CHAPTER 75

AN ACT

Relating to the award of support in probate amending Sec. 61-12-2, ACLA 1949; and providing for an effective date.

(H.B. 18)

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

Section 1. Sec. 61-12-2, ACLA 1949, is amended to read:

Sec. 61-12-2. Award for Support. After the filing of the inventory, should the deceased have died leaving a widow or minor children, the commissioner, upon such notice as may be by him fixed, upon being satisfied that the funeral expenses, expenses of last illness and of administration have been paid or provided for, and upon petition for that purpose, shall award and set off to the surviving widow or minor children

property of the estate not exceeding the value of \$8,000.00, exclusive of any mortgage or mechanic's, laborer's or other lien upon the property so set off, which property so set off shall include the home and household goods, if any, and all property of deceased exempt from execution, and such award shall be by an order or judgment of the Commissioner and vest the absolute title, and there shall be no further administration upon such portion of the estate so set off and awarded, but the remainder of the estate, if any, shall be settled as other estates. The property thus set apart, if there is a widow, shall by such judg-

ment be decreed her property to be used and expended by her for the maintenance of herself and the minor children of deceased, if any, or, if there be no widow, it shall be decreed the property of the minor child or, if there be more than one, of the minor children, in such proportion as the commissioner shall deem proper, taking into consideration their age and the expense of maintenance, to be used and expended in the nurture, maintenance and support of such child or children, until they become

of legal age, by the guardian thereof, as the law may direct. Said judgment, decree and award shall specifically describe the property so set apart and shall be final, except in case of appeal or for fraud.

Sec. 2. This Act does not apply to any probate proceedings commenced before the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

Approved April 13, 1961

CHAPTER 76

AN ACT

Amending the juvenile code to permit prosecution of minors as adults for violations of traffic statutes, regulations and municipal ordinances; amending Sec. 4 and Sec. 15, Art. I, Ch. 145, SLA 1957; and providing for an effective date.

(H.B. 51)

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

Section 1. Sec. 4, Art. I, Ch. 145, SLA 1957, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. **Jurisdiction.** Except as otherwise provided herein, and subject to the prior jurisdiction of the superior court for the State of Alaska, jurisdiction in cases of minors under eighteen years of age shall be vested in the district magistrate's courts, which shall have exclusive original jurisdiction in proceedings concerning any minor residing or found in this state who:

(1) has violated any law of the state, or any ordinance or regulation of a political subdivision of the state;

(2) by reason of being wayward or habitually disobedient is uncontrolled by his parent, guardian or custodian;

(3) is habitually truant from school or home, or habitually so conducts himself as to injure or endanger the morals or health of himself or others;

(4) is abandoned by his parent, guardian or custodian;

(5) lacks proper parental care by reason of the faults, habit or neglect of his parent, guardian or custodian;

(6) associates with vagrant, vicious or immoral people, or engages in an occupation or is in a situation dangerous to life or limb or injurious to the health, morals, or welfare of himself or others;

(7) is a full orphan who has no relatives willing and able to assume custody and care;

(8) has been released by his parent or parents, or guardian, to the Department of Health and Welfare for adoptive purposes; or

(9) is in need of special care or training not otherwise provided.

Provided, that when a minor is accused of violating any traffic statute or regulation, or any traffic ordinance or regulation of an incorporated municipality, excepting 50-5-5, ACLA 1949, Ch. 107, SLA 1955, or subsec. (1), Ch. 182, SLA 1955, as these provisions are amended or may be amended or any statute the violation of which is a felony, the procedure prescribed in Secs. 5 through 10 of this article need not be followed, except that a parent, guardian or legal custodian shall be present in all proceedings in the city or district magistrate's court. The minor accused of such a traffic offense may be charged,