

prosecuted, and sentenced in the same manner as if he were an adult.

The district magistrate's court shall also have exclusive jurisdiction in any controversy concerning the custody of a minor, except divorce actions, actions for separate maintenance and actions under the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act. The district magistrate's court shall have the power to appoint a guardian of the person and property of any minor within its jurisdiction and shall have the power to order support from either parent or from both.

In any of the aforesaid actions cognizable in the superior court the superior court may order the minor delivered to the custody of the Department of Health and Welfare, if the court deems such action in the best interest of the minor, and in such case the Department of Health and Welfare shall receive such money as the court may order paid for the support of the child.

**Sec. 2. 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 77

### AN ACT

**Relating to the punishment for criminal attempt; amending Sec. 65-2-5, ACLA 1949; and providing for an effective date.**

(H.B. 154)

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

Section 1. (Sec. 65-2-5, ACLA 1949 is amended to read as follows:

Attempt: Punishment. That if any person attempts to commit any crime, and in such attempt does any act toward the commission of such crime, but fails, or is prevented or intercepted in the perpetration thereof, such person, when no other provision is made by law for the punishment of such attempt, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:

First. If the crime so attempted be punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary or state jail, the punishment for the attempt shall be by like imprison-

ment, as the case may be, for a term not more than half the longest period prescribed as a punishment for such crime. If the period prescribed as a punishment for such crime is an indeterminate or life term, the punishment for the attempt shall be fixed by the court at a term not more than 10 years.

Second. If the crime so attempted be punishable by fine, the punishment for the attempt shall be by fine not more than half the amount of the largest fine prescribed as a punishment for such crime.

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 April 13, 1961

## CHAPTER 78

### AN ACT

**Permitting the State of Alaska to qualify for and to spend federal monies for increasing teachers' salaries, school construction and other educational purposes; and providing for an effective date.**

(H.B. 158)

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

Section 1. **Declaration of Intent.** In the event that the United States Congress