

## CHAPTER 60.

## AN ACT

(H. B. 67)

For the preservation of Public peace and safety in time of war and for the prevention of sedition and the exciting of ill-feeling or hostility against the Government, and for the prevention of the exhibition of disrespect or contempt for the Government of the United States of America, or for the flag or for the President, or for certain officers thereof; and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and for declaring an emergency.

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

Seditious acts and utterances and contemptuous conduct defined and forbidden.

Section 1. That in time of war or whenever war has been declared to exist between the United States and any other nation or country, it shall be unlawful for any person to do or commit, or cause to be done or committed, any seditious act or thing, or to utter, write, print or publish, or cause to be written, printed or published any seditious matter whatsoever; or to do, or cause to be done, any act or thing, or to utter, print, or publish or cause to be written, printed or published, anything tending to excite discontent, trouble, ill-feeling or hostility against the Government of the United States of America; or to do, or cause to be done, or to utter, write, print or publish, or cause to be written, printed or published anything which is opprobrious, insulting, disrespectful, defamatory or contemptuous of, or concerning said Government, or the President, or the flag of the United States of America, or of, or concerning any civil military or naval officer of said Government while in the lawful discharge of his duties in executing the lawful orders of the Government or any of its duly authorized officers. Provided, however, that nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to prohibit fair and honest criticism of the policy, orders or action of the Government or of any of said officers.

Does not extend to honest criticism, etc.

Penalty

Section 2. That any one violating the provisions of this Act shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1000.00), or be imprisoned in

jail not more than one year, or by both fine and imprisonment; and for a second offense, by a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars, (\$2000.00), and imprisonment in the penitentiary not more than two years.

Section 3. That an emergency is hereby declared to exist and that this Act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval. Emergency.

Approved May 3, 1917.

## CHAPTER 61

### AN ACT

(H. B. 76)

To provide for the leasing of school lands reserved under the Act of Congress, dated March 4, 1915, Chapter 181, Section 1, providing a minimum rental therefor, and authorizing the Governor and Secretary of the Territory to formulate rules and regulations.

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

Section 1. The Governor and Secretary of the Territory of Alaska shall offer and are authorized to lease all lands surveyed and reserved under the Act of Congress of the United States, dated March 4, 1915, Chapter 181, Section 1, which lease shall be made by the said Governor and Secretary in accordance with the powers granted the Territory in the above referred to act. Governor and Secretary to lease reserved school lands.

Section 2. Any lessee of lands covered by the lease above specified shall pay to the Territory of Alaska to be deposited in its School fund, a sum to be fixed by the Governor and Secretary of the Territory. Lease money to be paid into school fund.

Section 3. No lease issued under authority of this Act shall be assigned or sublet without the consent of the Governor and Secretary of the Territory. When lease may be assigned.

Section 4. Any such lease may be forfeited or canceled in a proper proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction whenever the lessee fails to comply with any of the provisions of the law or of the general regulations promulgated under this Act, and the lease may provide Forfeiture of lease.