

conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars, or by imprisonment for a period of not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 13. Section 7 of Chapter 65, Session Laws of Alaska, 1941, and Chapter 86, Session Laws of Alaska, 1935, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 20, 1947.

CHAPTER 50

AN ACT

[H. B. 83]

To amend Section 2419, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1933, relating to proceedings for annexation of territory by municipalities and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. That Section 2419 of Chapter XLIV, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1933, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

Those owners of land within the limits of the territory sought to be annexed who have filed a statement of their ownership in the United States General Land Office for the District in which the land is situate, in compliance with Chapter 49 of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1945, shall be presumed to be the owners of substantial property interests in land or possessory rights in land, tidelands or improvements upon land or tidelands within the limits of the territory proposed and sought to be annexed in the absence of a clear showing to the contrary.

Presumption of
land ownership.

Emergency
clause.

Section 2. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved March 20, 1947.

CHAPTER 51

AN ACT

[S. B. 47]

Relating to the Adoption of Children; establishing procedure therefor; authorizing issuance of Substitute Birth Certificates in such cases; and repealing Section 1141 to 1151, both inclusive, of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1933.

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

Who may
petition.

SECTION 1. ADOPTIONS. Any person not married or any husband and wife jointly, or either spouse when the object of adoption is the child of the other spouse or either husband or wife who are not living together as such, may petition the Commissioner's Court having probate jurisdiction of the precinct in which petitioner resides for adoption of any person, and, if desired, seek appropriate change of his name.

Consent
required.

SECTION 2. CONSENT REQUIRED. Written consent to such adoption must be filed prior to a hearing on such petition, as follows:

Person over 14
years.

(a) By the person to be adopted, if such person be fourteen (14) years of age or older, but the filing of such consent shall not obviate the necessity of filing other consents hereinafter required in the case of a minor.