

[CHAPTER 296]

AN ACT

To amend the Act approved June 19, 1934, entitled the "Communications Act of 1934."

May 31, 1938
[H. R. 7711]
[Public, No. 561]

Communications Act of 1934, amendment.
48 Stat. 1070.
47 U. S. C. § 201.
Common carriers.
Furnishing reports of positions of ships at sea to newspapers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 201 (b) of the Act of June 19, 1934, entitled the "Communications Act of 1934" is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following: "*Provided further,* That nothing in this Act or in any other provision of law shall prevent a common carrier subject to this Act from furnishing reports of positions of ships at sea to newspapers of general circulation, either at a nominal charge or without charge, provided the name of such common carrier is displayed along with such ship position reports. The Commission may prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary in the public interest to carry out the provisions of this Act."

Approved, May 31, 1938.

[CHAPTER 297]

AN ACT

To amend section 26, title I, chapter 1, of the Act entitled "An Act making further provision for a civil government for Alaska, and for other purposes", approved June 6, 1900.

May 31, 1938
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[Public, No. 562]

Alaska civil government.

31 Stat. 329.
48 U. S. C. § 381.
Mining laws.

Provisos.
Gold, etc., explorations, land and shoal water on shores, etc.

Miners' regulations.

Not to conflict with Federal laws.

Restriction.

Right of citizens to dredge, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 26, title I, chapter 1, of the Act entitled "An Act making further provision for a civil government for Alaska, and for other purposes", approved June 6, 1900 (31 Stat. 321), is amended to read as follows: "SEC. 26. The laws of the United States relating to mining claims, mineral locations, and rights incident thereto are hereby extended to the Territory of Alaska: *Provided,* That, subject only to the laws enacted by Congress for the protection and preservation of the navigable waters of the United States, all land and shoal water between low and mean high tide on the shores, bays, and inlets of Alaska, within the jurisdiction of the United States, shall be subject to exploration and mining for gold and other precious metals by citizens of the United States, or persons who have legally declared their intentions to become such, under such reasonable rules and regulations as the miners in organized mining districts may have heretofore made or may hereafter make governing the temporary possession thereof for exploration and mining purposes until otherwise provided by law: *Provided further,* That the rules and regulations established by the miners shall not be in conflict with the mining laws of the United States; and no exclusive permit shall be granted by the Secretary of the Interior authorizing any person or persons, corporation or company, to excavate or mine under any of said waters below low tide, and if such exclusive permit has been granted it is hereby revoked and declared null and void; but citizens of the United States or persons who have legally declared their intention to become such shall have the right to dredge and mine for gold or other precious metals in said waters, below low tide, subject to such general rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe for the preservation of order; such rules and regulations shall not, however, deprive miners on the beach of the right hereby given to dump tailings into or pump from the sea opposite their claims, except where such dumping would actually obstruct naviga-

tion, and the reservation of a roadway sixty feet wide under the tenth section of the Act of May 14, 1898, entitled 'An Act extending the homestead laws and providing for right of way for railroads in the District of Alaska, and for other purposes', shall not apply to mineral lands or town sites."

Approved, May 31, 1938.

Reservation of roadway.
30 Stat. 413.

[CHAPTER 298]

AN ACT

To authorize public-utility districts in the Territory of Alaska to incur bonded indebtedness, and for other purposes.

May 31, 1938
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[Public, No. 563]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That public-utility districts in the Territory of Alaska, organized under the laws of said Territory, are hereby authorized to construct, improve, extend, better, repair, reconstruct, acquire, and operate any and all types of public utilities and improvements under and in accordance with and to the full extent provided by the laws of said Territory relating to public-utility districts in said Territory, and to incur bonded indebtedness and to issue negotiable bonds for any or all of said purposes: *Provided, however,* That no public utility district shall incur bonded indebtedness or issue its negotiable bonds under this Act to an amount which shall exceed 10 per centum of the aggregate value of the real and personal property within such public-utility district subject to taxation by such district.

Alaska.
Public-utility districts authorized to incur bonded indebtedness for construction, operation, etc.

Proviso.
Limitation on amount.

SEC. 2. No bonded indebtedness shall be incurred by any public-utility district in the Territory of Alaska unless the proposal to incur such indebtedness be first submitted to the qualified electors of such district whose names appear on the last tax-assessment roll or record of such district for purposes of district taxation, at an election called for such purpose, and not less than 65 per centum of the votes cast at such election shall be in favor thereof. Not less than twenty days' notice of any such election shall be given by posting notices of the same in three conspicuous places within the district, one of which shall be posted at the front door of the United States post office therein, if there be a United States post office within such district. The registration for such election, the manner of conducting the same, the form of ballot, and the canvass of the returns shall be prescribed by the governing body of such district.

Submission and approval provisions.

Notice of election.

Registration, ballot, etc.

SEC. 3. Bonds issued pursuant to this Act shall bear such date or dates, may be in such denominations, may mature in such amounts and at such time or times not exceeding thirty years from the date thereof, may be payable at such place or places, may be sold at public or private sale, may be redeemable (either with or without premium) or nonredeemable, may carry such registration privileges as to either principal and interest or principal only, and may be executed by such officers and in such manner as shall be prescribed by the governing body of the district issuing the bonds. In case any of the officers whose signatures appear on the bonds or coupons shall cease to be such officers before delivery of such bonds, such signatures, whether manual or facsimile, shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officers had remained in office until such delivery. The bonds so issued shall bear interest at a rate to be fixed by the governing body of the district issuing the same, not to exceed, however, 6 per centum per annum, payable semiannually. All such bonds shall be sold for not less than the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest.

Bonds; denominations, maturity, etc.

Interest rate.