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issued and sold are declared to be, and shall be, in the actual form in which such bonds have been issued, the binding and legal obligations of the municipal corporation or public-utility district issuing the same.

Validation of proceedings to incur bonded indebtedness, etc.

48 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 44a–44e.
48 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 315–315d.

(b) All proceedings heretofore taken by any municipal corporation or any public-utility district in the Territory of Alaska in connection with proposals to incur bonded indebtedness or to issue negotiable bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 28, 1936 (49 Stat. 1388), as amended, or of the Act of May 31, 1938 (52 Stat. 589), which may have been heretofore submitted to those of the qualified electors of the municipal corporation or public-utility district whose names appeared upon the tax-assessment roll of such corporation or district last completed prior to the holding of the election, are hereby validated, ratified, and confirmed, notwithstanding any defects or irregularities in such proceedings; and the fact that the indebtedness heretofore authorized by the electors at the time of the submission to them of the proposal to incur a bonded indebtedness or to issue negotiable bonds may have exceeded the limit of indebtedness which may have been applicable at the time of such authorization under the terms of either of said acts shall not serve to prevent the issuance of negotiable bonds, at any time or times, in any amount or amounts which, at the time or times of such issuance, will not cause the aforesaid limitations to be exceeded.

Issuance of negotiable bonds.

Approved, January 17, 1940.

[CHAPTER 11]

AN ACT

January 20, 1940
[S. 1554]
[Public, No. 404]

To provide that the district judge for the western district of Washington, authorized to be appointed under the Act of May 31, 1938, shall be a district judge for the eastern and western districts of Washington.

Washington, western district.
District judge for, to serve also for eastern district.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the district judge, authorized to be appointed for the western district of Washington under the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of additional judges for certain United States district courts, circuit courts of appeals, and certain courts of the United States for the District of Columbia", approved May 31, 1938 (Public Act Numbered 555, Seventy-fifth Congress, third session), shall be a district judge for the eastern and western districts of Washington.

52 Stat. 585.
28 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 4t.

Approved, January 20, 1940.

[CHAPTER 12]

AN ACT

January 25, 1940
[S. 1335]
[Public, No. 405]

Relating to the filing of affidavits of prejudice in the district court for the District of Alaska.

District court for District of Alaska.
31 Stat. 444.
Disqualification of judicial officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 707, chapter 70, of title II of the Act entitled "An Act making further provision for a civil government for Alaska, and for other purposes", approved June 6, 1900, as amended (section 3305 of the Compiled Laws of the Territory of Alaska, 1933), is amended by striking out the period at the end of paragraph "Fourth" and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon and the following new paragraph:

Affidavit of personal bias or prejudice of judge, filing of.

"Fifth. Whenever any party, or an attorney for any party, to any action or proceeding, civil or criminal, shall make and file an affidavit that the judge before whom the action or proceeding is to be tried or heard has a personal bias or prejudice either against him