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## AN ACT

Relating to the Alaska Coordinate System of 2022.

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3 \* **Section 1.** AS 38.20.010 is amended to read:

4           **Sec. 38.20.010. Adoption.** The systems of rectangular plane coordinates  
5 established by the National Geodetic Survey, National Ocean Service, **National**  
6 **Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration** for defining and stating the positions or  
7 locations of points on the surface of the earth in this state are adopted. The systems are  
8 to be known as the "Alaska Coordinate System of 1927," [AND] the "Alaska  
9 Coordinate System of 1983," **and the "Alaska Coordinate System of 2022."**

10 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 38.20.020 is repealed and reenacted to read:

11           **Sec. 38.20.020. Zones.** The zone parameters of the Alaska Coordinate Systems  
12 are the zone parameters defined by the National Geodetic Survey maintained by the  
13 National Ocean Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as  
14 the National Geodetic Survey reads on the effective date of this Act.

15 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 38.20.030 is amended to read:

1           **Sec. 38.20.030. Designation of zones.** In any land description in which a  
2 coordinate system is used a zone of the coordinate system is designated the "Alaska  
3 Coordinate System of 1927, Zone . . . . .;" [OR] the "Alaska  
4 Coordinate System of 1983, Zone . . . . ." **or the "Alaska**  
5 **Coordinate System of 2022, Zone . . . . ."**

6 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 38.20.040 is amended to read:

7           **Sec. 38.20.040. Use of coordinate system.** The plane coordinates of a point on  
8 the earth's surface, to be used in expressing the position or location of the point in the  
9 appropriate zone of this system, consist of two distances, expressed in **U.S. survey**  
10 feet and decimals of a **U.S. survey** foot when using the Alaska Coordinate System of  
11 1927, [AND] expressed in meters and decimals of a meter when using the Alaska  
12 Coordinate System of 1983, **and expressed in meters and decimals of a meter or**  
13 **international feet and decimals of an international foot when using the Alaska**  
14 **Coordinate System of 2022.** One of these distances, known as the "x-coordinate,"  
15 gives the position in an east-and-west direction; the other, known as the "y-  
16 coordinate," gives the position in a north-and-south direction. These coordinates shall  
17 be made to depend **on** [UPON] and conform to the coordinates of the **National**  
18 **Spatial Reference System** [NORTH AMERICAN HORIZONTAL GEODETIC  
19 CONTROL NETWORK] as determined by the National Geodetic Survey, National  
20 Ocean Service.

21 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 38.20.060 is repealed and reenacted to read:

22           **Sec. 38.20.060. Characteristics of zones.** The characteristics of the zones of  
23 the Alaska Coordinate Systems are the characteristics defined by the National  
24 Geodetic Survey maintained by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
25 Administration, as the National Geodetic Survey reads on the effective date of this  
26 Act.

27 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 38.20.090 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

28           (c) The use of the term "Alaska Coordinate System of 2022" on a map, report  
29 of survey, or other document is limited to coordinates based on the Alaska Coordinate  
30 System of 2022 as defined in this chapter.

31 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 38.20.100 is amended to read:

1                   **Sec. 38.20.100. Use of public land survey descriptions.** When coordinates  
2 based on the Alaska Coordinate System of 1927, [OR] the Alaska Coordinate System  
3 of 1983, **or the Alaska Coordinate System of 2022** are used to describe a tract of  
4 land, which in the same document is also described by reference to a subdivision, line,  
5 or corner of the United States public land surveys, the description by coordinates shall  
6 be construed as supplemental to the basic description of the subdivision, line, or corner  
7 contained in the official plats and field notes recorded, and, in the event of a conflict,  
8 the description by reference to the subdivision, line, or corner of the United States  
9 public land surveys prevails over the description by coordinates.

10 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 38.20.110 is amended to read:

11                   **Sec. 38.20.110. Use of system not required.** Nothing in this chapter requires a  
12 purchaser or mortgagee to rely on a description, any part of which depends exclusively  
13 **on** [UPON] the Alaska Coordinate System of 1927, [OR] the Alaska Coordinate  
14 System of 1983, **or the Alaska Coordinate System of 2022**.