

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION EIGHTEEN OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS AMENDED, BY AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL TO REMOVE MUNICIPAL TREASURERS FROM OFFICE FOR CAUSE.

Act No. 1681, August 14, 1907

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By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Commission, that:

SECTION 1. Paragraph (l) of section eighteen of the Municipal Code, as amended by section two of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and eighty-two, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(l) He shall appoint, by and with the consent of the majority of all the members of the council, the municipal secretary, and all nonelective officers and employees who may be provided for by law or by ordinance, with the exception of the municipal treasurer and the employees of his office, and at any time, for cause, he may suspend any such officer or employee thus-appointed for a period not exceeding ten days, which suspension may be continued for a longer period by the council; and by and with the consent of a majority of all the members of the council he may discharge any such officer or employee.

"The municipal treasurer shall be appointed by the provincial treasurer, subject to the approval of the provincial board, and may be removed from office by the provincial board or the Governor-General for cause. The position of municipal treasurer shall be classified and subject to all the provisions of the Civil Service Act and Rules.

"The municipal treasurer shall appoint such clerks and other employees as are necessary to aid him in the discharge of his duties municipal treasurers. when the number and salaries thereof are determined in the manner provided by this Act. In case it shall appear that the number or salaries authorized by the municipal council are manifestly inadequate, it shall be within the power of the provincial board, on application, to modify the number or salaries fixed by the municipal council for such clerks or other employees. The municipal treasurer may for cause, suspend from office any employee thus appointed and shall immediately notify the municipal council of any such action. The municipal council shall, within ten days after the receipt of this notice, take such action as the circumstances of the case may justify and order the reinstatement or the removal from office of the suspended employee, or may confirm his suspension until full evidence, in the case can be presented before the council and final action taken thereon. Where reinstatement is ordered, the municipal council may direct payment of compensation for all or any part of the period of suspension, but in case suspension results in removal no compensation shall be paid from and after the date of such suspension."

SEC. 2. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the passage of the same is hereby expedited in accordance with section two of "An Act prescribing the order of procedure by the Commission in the enactment of laws," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, August 14, 1907.

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