

AN ACT TO AMEND COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL LANGUAGE INSTITUTE AND DEFINE ITS POWERS AND DUTIES."

Commonwealth Act No. 333, June 18, 1938

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Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred eighty-four, entitled "An Act to establish a National Language Institute and define its powers and duties," are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. There is created an Institute of National Language which shall be composed of one Director, seven members, and one secretary and executive officer each of which shall represent one of the principal linguistic groups of the Philippines.

"SEC. 2. The Director, members and the Secretary and executive officer of the Institute of National Language shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments of the National and per Assembly. The Director shall receive a salary of six thousand pesos per annum, and each member shall receive a per diem of fifteen pesos for each session he attends or has attended beginning with the organization of the Institute, authorizing the payment of the compensation to any member or members who are in the service of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, its subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities. The secretary and executive officer shall receive a salary of five thousand and forty pesos per annum in place of per diem.

"SEC. 3. The Institute of National Language shall be under the direct control and supervision of the President of the Philippines, and shall have the power to appoint its technical and other personnel in accordance with law.

"SEC. 4. The Institute of National Language shall adopt its own rules of procedure, and shall hold sessions at least once a week."

SEC. 2. The phrase "National Language Institute" used in the English text of Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-four is hereby substituted with the phrase "Institute of National Language."

SEC. 3. Sections 10 and 11 of Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-four are amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 10. The decisions of the Institute of National Language on all linguistic matter, when approved by the President of the Philippines, shall be adopted as literary standard in all official publications and school texts.

"SEC. 11. Subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines, the Institute of National Language shall have authority to correct, alter, or amend the linguistic forms and expressions of any or all textbooks written in the national language of the Philippines which are intended for adoption as official texts in the school."

SEC. 4. New section, to be known as section 11-A, is inserted between sections 11 and 12, which shall read as follows:

"SEC. 11-A. The publications of the Institute of National Language such as dictionaries, vocabularies, grammars, pamphlets, circulars, diplomas, leaflets, and prints shall enjoy the use of the mails free of postage.

SEC. 5. Sections 13 and 14 of Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-four are amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 13. The sum of one hundred thousand pesos is appropriated out of any funds in the Philippine Treasury not otherwise appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act and defray the necessary expenses incurred in the administration thereof until December 31, 1938.

"SEC. 14. The President of the Philippines, on recommendation of the Institute of National Language shall order the disbursement of the sum or sums required for the publication provided for in this Act."

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect on its approval.

Approved, June 18, 1938.

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