

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOUR, ENTITLED, "AN ACT CREATING THE SUEPROVINCE OF QUIRINO IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA," AND F...

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5554, June 21, 1969

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Sections one, two, three, four, five and six of Republic Act Numbered Four thousand seven hundred and thirty-four are hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The Municipalities of Diffun, Saguday, Aglipay, Maddela and Cabarroguis are hereby constituted into a subprovince of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya, to be known as Quirino Subprovince.

"SEC. 2. The capital of Quirino Subprovince shall be the Municipality of Cabarroguis which is hereby created to consist of the following barrios and sitios: Gundaway, San Marcos, and Mangandingay, to be separated from the Municipality of Diffun; Zamora, Villamor, Burgos, Del Pilar, Eden, Banuar, Mangandingay, Dabibi, Tucod, Dingasan, Bekebik, Malini, Capellangan, to be separated from the Municipality of Aglipay.

"The seat of the municipal government of Cabarroguis shall be the territory comprising Barrios Gundaway and Zamora.

"The first mayor, vice-mayor and councilors of the Municipality of Cabarroguis shall be elected in the general elections of November, nineteen hundred seventy-one."

"SEC. 3. There is hereby created the position of governor who shall be the chief executive officer of the sub-provincial government. The governor shall be elected by the qualified voters of the sub-province, and shall exercise the powers and discharge the duties which belong to the office of chief executive in provinces which are regularly organized.

"SEC. 4. Quirino Sub-province shall constitute a separate engineering district and a separate school division. There shall also be established other national or provincial offices in the same manner as though it were a regularly organized province.

"SEC. 5. There is hereby created a Provincial Board composed of the governor who shall be the presiding officer of the Board, and two other members, to be elected by the qualified voters of the sub-province.

"There shall be a secretary of the Provincial Board who shall have the same duties and powers and possess the same qualifications as those prescribed for regularly organized provinces.

"Pertinent provisions of law applicable to regularly organized provinces shall govern the Provincial Board insofar as powers, duties, qualification, compensation, meetings, tenure and other matters are concerned.

"The Provincial Board shall fix the compensation of the governor, the members of the Provincial Board, and of the other officials and employees of the sub-province in accordance with law.

"SEC. 6. The other sub-provincial officials shall be ap-pointed in accordance with existing laws or regulations."

SEC. 2. Section seven of the same Act is hereby redesignated as Section twelve, after which new sections are hereby inserted therein which shall read as follows:

"SEC. 7. Quirino Subprovince shall receive the share in taxes and allotments equal to what it would receive if it were a regularly organized province.

"SEC. 8. The voters of the subprovince shall not participate in the election of provincial officials of Nueva Vizcaya.

"SEC. 9. Until otherwise provided by law, Quirino Sub-province shall continue as part of the representative district of Nueva Vizcaya."

SEC. 3. The provisions of this Act pertaining to the esablishment of the Provincial Board and separation from the Province of Nueva Vizcaya insofar as provincial administration is concerned and the retention of the subprovince as part of the representative district of Nueva Vizcaya shall be submitted for approval in a plebiscite to coincide with the elections of nineteen hundred sixty-nine and shall be deemed approved if a majority of the votes cast in said plebiscite are in the affirmative.

SEC. 4. If the matters submitted are approved in the plebiscite, the first governor and members of the Provincial Board of Quirino Subprovince shall be elected in the general elections of nineteen hundred seventy-one.

SEC. 5. The appropriation necessary for the plebiscite mentioned in Section three hereof shall be deemed included in the funds set aside for the elections of November eleven, nineteen hundred sixty-nine.

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

Approved, June 21, 1969.

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