

AN ACT CREATING AN HONORARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COMPOSED OF FIFTY FILIPINOS OF PROMINENCE AND EDUCATION, TO VISIT THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION AT SAINT LOUIS AT GOVERNMENT...

Act No. 1030, December 22, 1903

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

SECTION 1. The Civil Governor is authorized and directed to appoint, by and with the consent of the Philippine Commission, an Honorary Board of Commissioners, consisting of not more than fifty Filipinos of prominence and education, to visit the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held at Saint Louis during the year nineteen hundred and four. The Civil Governor is authorized to appoint Filipinos now holding office in the islands, if their absence from official duty in the Islands during the time needed to make the visit to the United States may be made consistent with the interests of the public service.

SEC. 2. The Honorary Board of Commissioners herein authorized to be appointed shall travel in a body, so far as practicable, and the period between the date of their departure from Manila for the United States and the date of their return to Manila shall not exceed five months. The Civil Governor shall fix the date of the departure of the Board. The Board shall be accompanied by an American official of the Philippine Government, to be designated by the Civil Governor, who shall have a knowledge of the English and Spanish languages sufficient to enable him to act as interpreter on all occasions, and who shall have charge of the Board in making the arrangements for travel and subsistence. A second official of the Philippine Government shall be designated by the Civil Governor as the disbursing officer to disburse the funds needed to pay the expenses of the Board.

SEC. 3. There shall be allowed, as traveling and subsistence expenses, to each nonofficial member of the Honorary Board of Commissioners, the sum of ten dollars. United States currency, per day, from the time of his departure from Manila until the date of his return to Manila, and to each official member, in addition to his salary as provided by law, the sum of seven dollars. United States currency, per day. The per diems of the American official in charge of the Board and of the disbursing officer shall be fixed by the Civil Governor.

SEC. 4. The Honorary Board of Commissioners shall organize by the election of a chairman, a secretary, and an executive committee of five. The secretary shall keep minutes of all formal action taken by the Board and shall make report of the same to the Civil Governor on the return of the Board to Manila. The Board shall also appoint a committee of three members whose duty it shall be to keep a history of the journey and to make a connected account and report thereof to the Civil Governor on the return of the Board to Manila.

SEC. 5. The Honorary Board of Commissioners shall not only visit Saint Louis, where it shall spend at least a month in the examination of the Exposition, but it shall also visit those principal cities of the United States which shall be agreed upon by the executive committee of the Board after conference with the Philippine Exposition Board. The disbursing officer is authorized to pay the traveling and subsistence expenses of the members of the Board directly, and to charge the same to the respective members of the Board, paying any balance remaining due

to each member at the end of each week.

SEC. 6. There is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, in money of the United States, to defray the expenses herein authorized to be incurred.

SEC. 7. Sections eleven and twelve of Act Numbered Five hundred and fourteen, enacted November eleventh, nineteen hundred and two, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. 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. 9. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, December 22, 1903.

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