AN ACT AMENDING SECTION THIRTEEN OF ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY, AS TO THE ADMISSION OF PERSONS TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE COURTS OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Act No. 553, December 06, 1902

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

SECTION 1. Section thirteen of Act Numbered One hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act providing a code of procedure in civil actions and special proceedings in the Philippine Islands," is hereby amended by adding to paragraph one of said section the following language: "Provided, That any person who, before October first, nineteen hundred and one, held under the present government the position of Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of a Court of First Instance, Attorney-General, Solicitor-General, or Assistant Attorney-General, may be duly licensed to practice law in the courts of the Philippine Islands without an examination, upon establishing such fact."

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, December 6, 1902.

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