

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, AND FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY OF THE JUDGE FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE PHILIPPINE I...

Act No. 325, December 31, 1901

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

SECTION 1. Sections forty, forty-one, forty-two, and forty-seven of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six are hereby repealed and in lieu thereof the following are substituted:

"SEC. 40. Attorney-General.—There shall be an Attorney-General for the Philippine Islands to be appointed by the Civil Governor with the advice and consent of the United States Philippine Commission, to serve during their pleasure, with a salary at the rate of seven thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly.

"SEC. 41. Solicitor-General.—There shall be an officer learned in the law to assist the Attorney-General in the performance of all his duties, called the Solicitor-General, who shall be appointed by the Civil Governor, with the advice and consent of the United States Philippine Commission, to serve during their pleasure, with a salary at the rate of five thousand five hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly. In case of a vacancy in the office of Attorney-General, or of his absence or disability, the Solicitor-General shall have power to exercise the duties of that office. Under the supervision of the Attorney-General, it shall be the especial duty of the Solicitor-General to conduct and argue suits and appeals in the Supreme Court, in which the Philippine Government is interested, and the Attorney-General may, whenever he deems it for the interest of the Philippine Government, either in person, conduct and argue any case in any court of the Philippine Islands in which the Philippine Government is interested, or may direct the Solicitor-General to do so.

"SEC 42. Assistant Attorney-General.—There shall be an Assistant Attorney-General, to be appointed by the Civil Governor, with the advice and consent of the Commission, to serve during their pleasure, with a salary at the rate of four thousand five hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly, who shall perform the duties of the Attorney-General in his absence and in the absence of the Solicitor-General, and shall render such other services in the performance of the duties of the Attorney-General as may be assigned to him.

"SEC. 47. Assistants to the Attorney-General.—(a) There shall be an officer learned in the law, called the Supervisor of Provincial Fiscals, who shall be appointed by the Civil Governor, with the advice and consent of the Commission, to serve during their pleasure, with a salary at the rate of four thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly. It shall be the duty of the Supervisor of Provincial Fiscals to assist the Attorney-General and under his direction to prepare rules for the guidance of all provincial fiscals, and when required by the public service or directed by the Attorney-General, he shall repair to any province in the Islands and assist the provincial fiscal there in the discharge of his duties. He shall have all the power of the Attorney-General when engaged in the performance of the duties of his office in the provinces. While absent from the city of Manila in the performance of the duties of his office, he shall be allowed, in addition to his salary, his actual traveling expenses.

"(b) There shall be Four assistant lawyers who shall be appointed by the Attorney-General, with the approval

of the Civil Governor, to serve at their pleasure, whose salaries shall not be less than twelve hundred dollars per annum and not exceed three thousand dollars per annum each. It shall be their duty to render such services in the performance of the duties of the Attorney-General as may be assigned to them.

"(c) The office of the Attorney-General shall be allowed such clerical assistants, including escribientes, translators, interpreters, stenographers, and typewriters, as may be necessary for the due performance of its functions. Such assistants shall be appointed by the Attorney-General, with the approval of the Civil Governor. The compensation of such assistants shall be fixed by the Attorney-General, with the approval of the Civil Governor.

"(d) But whenever it is impracticable for either the Attorney-General or Solicitor-General or Supervisor of Provincial Fiscals personally to repair to any province in the Islands and assist the provincial fiscal there in the discharge of his duties or in any prosecution against any officer of any branch of the Government, in accordance with the provisions of the law, it shall be lawful for the Attorney-General, with the prior approval of the Civil Governor, to appoint some person who may be eligible to the office of the Attorney-General temporarily to represent him in such prosecution. The person so appointed shall have all the power of the Attorney-General or Solicitor-General in conducting the prosecution for which he may have been especially appointed, as in this section provided. The compensation of the person so appointed shall be fifteen dollars per day for the time necessarily employed in the service of the Government, and actual traveling expenses necessarily incurred in performance of the duties."

SEC. 2. After December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and one, the salary of the judge of the Court of First Instance for the Third Judicial District of the Philippine Islands shall be five thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly.

SEC. 3. 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. 4. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, December 31, 1901.

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