

AN ACT TO AMEND ACT NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED AND ELEVEN, IN REFERENCE TO THE COLLECTION OF TAXES IN THE TOWNSHIPS AND SETTLEMENTS OF LEPANTO-BONTOC, AND TO AMEND ACT NUMBERED FOUR ...

Act No. 955, October 23, 1903

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

SECTION 1. Section one of Act Numbered Four hundred and eleven, entitled "An Act providing for the establishment of local civil governments in the townships and settlements of the Province of Lepanto-Bontoc," is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

"Provided, That section sixty-eight of Act Numbered Three hundred and eighty-seven, in its application to the Province of Lepanto-Bontoc, shall be construed to confer upon the governor of the Province of Lepanto-Bontoc the power to prescribe the taxes to be collected in the townships and settlements of the province, other than Cervantes, such taxes to be limited in kind and extent to the taxes imposed in sections one to sixty-seven of Act Numbered Three hundred and eighty-seven."

SEC. 2. All acts of the governor or other provincial officers of Lepanto-Bontoc in collecting taxes in accordance with the construction stated in section one hereof are hereby confirmed, and the proper officers are hereby made accountable for the custody and disposition of such taxes thus collected.

SEC. 3. Section two of Act Numbered Four hundred and ten, providing for the organization of the Province of Lepanto-Bontoc, is hereby amended as follows:

First. By striking out subsection (a) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(a) A provincial governor, who shall receive compensation at the rate of two thousand four hundred dollars per annum."

Second. By striking out subsection (b) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(b) A provincial secretary-treasurer, who shall receive compensation at the rate of one thousand four hundred dollars per annum."

SEC. 4. It is hereby provided that all fees collected by any provincial officer of Lepanto-Bontoc as ex officio justice of the peace shall be accounted for to the provincial secretary-treasurer and be turned into the provincial treasury.

SEC. 5. It shall be lawful for the Civil Governor, with the consent of the Commission, to detail an officer or employee of the Ethnological Survey to act as lieutenant-governor of Lepanto-Bontoc, in which case the official detailed shall not receive any salary from the provincial government; or, if such detail is not deemed wise by the Civil Governor, the Chief of the Ethnological Survey may pay, upon the approval of the Civil Governor, a reasonable sum out of the funds appropriated for that Bureau to a lieutenant-governor of the province, duly

appointed, in addition to his salary as such, for the ethnological investigations and reports which he may be able to make without detriment to the interests of the provincial government.

SEC. 6. 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. 7. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, October 23, 1903.

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