

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPOSITION OF PHILIPPINE PRODUCTS IN THE CITY OF MANILA, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Act No. 2023, January 30, 1911

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

SECTION 1. There shall be held in the city of Manila, in the year nineteen hundred and eleven, or nineteen hundred and twelve, in the discretion of the board of directors hereinafter provided for, at a date to be fixed by them, an exposition of Philippine products, in which the provinces and others shall be invited to send exhibits showing their products, industries, and resources, and which shall lie known as the Philippine Exposition.

SEC. 2. This exposition shall be under the direction and control of a board of directors, which shall be known as the Philippine Exposition Board and composed of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, who shall be the president thereof; the chairman of the Committee on Industry and Commerce of the Philippine Assembly, who shall be the vice-president; and three members who shall be appointed by the Governor-General. Of the members appointed by the Governor-General, one shall be a member of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and another a member of the Manila Merchants' Association.

The board of directors shall serve as such without pay and shall pay, debtors without have charge of the assembling and display of the exhibits received and the expenditure of the funds hereinafter appropriated. It shall subordinate, appoint such subordinate officers and employees as may be necessary and fix the salaries thereof: Provided, That the total expenditures salaries shall not exceed ten thousand pesos: Provided further, That if the Philippine Exposition shall be held in nineteen hundred and eleven, the total amount for salaries shall not exceed ten thousand pesos, and if in nineteen hundred and twelve, a sum not exceeding three thousand pesos may be spent for salaries during the year nineteen hundred and eleven, leaving the remaining seven thousand for salaries during the year nineteen hundred and twelve : Provided further, That, if requested, the Governor-General may detail such officers and employees of the Insular, provincial, and municipal governments, or of the city of Manila, as may be considered necessary, who shall serve without additional compensation: And provided finally, That, except as provided in this section, the officers or employees of the Government detailed under this Act are hereby prohibited from rendering any other services for purposes not expressly provided for by this Act during the time of their detail.

SEC. 3. The aforesaid board of directors shall present to the Philippine Legislature a detailed report of its work, specifying the disbursements made and the condition of its funds and accounts, within the first fifteen days of the session immediately following the exposition.

SEC. 4. The aforementioned board of directors is hereby authorized in its discretion to purchase the most desirable articles exhibited or offered for exhibition, and to retain the same for the purpose of developing the existing Philippine Museum.

SEC. 5. Any and all amounts received from the granting of concessions or the sale of privileges shall be deposited

to the credit of the appropriation created by section seven of this Act and shall be available for expenditure in the same manner as the original appropriation: Provided, That no admission or entrance fee shall be charged to the Philippine Exposition grounds or any governmental exhibit therein.

SEC. 6. Provincial and municipal governments are hereby authorized to appropriate moneys from their respective general funds, to be deposited with the provincial treasurer to the credit of a special fund to be known as the "provincial exposition fund." Such fund shall be subject to the control of the provincial board and shall be utilized in its discretion for local provincial expositions or to enable the province to make, a creditable exhibit at the Philippine Exposition hereinbefore provided for, or both.

SEC. 7. The sum of fifty thousand pesos is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the expenses incident to the Philippine Exposition, including assistance to provinces, purchase of exhibits in accordance with section four, illumination, construction of necessary buildings, purchase or rental of land, salaries and traveling expenses of subordinate officials and employees, prizes and diplomas to provinces and individuals for the best displays, or for general publicity work designed to advertise the attractions, resources, and commercial and industrial advantages of the Philippine Islands, and for any and all purposes incident to and necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 8. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the same shall take effect on its passage, in accordance with section one of Act Numbered Nineteen hundred and forty-five of the Philippine Legislature.

Enacted, January 30, 1911.

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