

AN ACT TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE OF ACAGAYAN IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Commonwealth Act No. 661, June 22, 1941

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Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. The first paragraph of section one hundred and fifty-four of the Administrative Code, as amended by Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and forty-five, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 154. Judges of First Instance for Judicial Districts.-Five judges shall be commissioned for the first judicial district. Two judges with permanent residence in the Province of Cagayan shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Cagayan, Batanes and the Subprovince of Apayao, Mountain Province; one judge with permanent residence in the Province of Isabela, shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Isabela and Nueva Vizcaya; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of and reside in the Province of Ilocos Norte; and another with permanent residence in the Province of Ilocos Sur, shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Ilocos Sur and Abra.

SEC. 2. The third paragraph of section one hundred and sixty-one of the Administrative Code, as amended by Commonwealth Acts Numbered One hundred and forty-five, Three hundred and forty-eight and Five hundred and forty, is further amended to read as follows:

"In the First District: First Branch at Tuguegarao, Province of Cagayan, on the first Tuesday of January of each year; at Tuao or Abulug, in the discretion of the judge, on the first Tuesday of October of each year for cases coming from the Subprovince of Apayao; second branch at Aparri, Province of Cagayan, on the first Tuesday of January of each year; at Ssnto Domingo de Basco, Province of Batanes, on the first Tuesday of August of each year. A special term of court shall be held once a year in the municipalities of Abulug and Tuao, both of the Province of Cagayan, and twice a year in the municipality of Echauge and once a year in the municipality of Cabangan, both in the Province of Isabela, in the discretion of the district judge; at Bayombong, Province of Nueva Vizcaya, on the second Tuesday of February, June and October of each year; at Bangued, Province of Abra, on the first Tuesday of March, and October of each year.

SEC. 3. To carry out the provision of this Act, there is appropriated, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifteen thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the payment of the salaries of the additional judges herein provided and of the necessary personnel, the purchase of supplies or equipment, and for traveling, and other sundry expenses.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted, without Executive approval, June 22, 1941.

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