

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY-TWO, ENTITLED “A GENERAL ACT FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,” BY CHANGING THE METHOD OF SELECTING MU...

Act No. 999, November 20, 1903

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

SECTION 1. Act Numbered Eighty-two, known as the Municipal Code, is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By striking out the words "municipal secretary" in the fifteenth line of section seventeen and inserting in lieu thereof the words "provincial treasurer," so that the complete sentence shall read: "The bond shall be filed in the office of the provincial treasurer, who shall carefully preserve the same."

(b) By striking out all of subsection (l) of section eighteen, as amended by Act Numbered Three hundred and seventy-four, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(l) He shall appoint, by and with the consent of the majority of all the members of the council, the municipal secretary and all nonelective officers and employees that may be provided for by law or by ordinance, with the exception of the municipal treasurer, and at any time, for cause, he may suspend any such officer or employee, thus appointed, for a period not exceeding ten days, which suspension may be continued for a longer period by the council; and by and with the consent of a majority of all the members of the council, he may discharge any such officer or employee.

"The municipal treasurer shall be appointed by the provincial treasurer, subject to the approval of the provincial board, and may be removed from office by the provincial board, for cause. Each municipal treasurer shall render a monthly account, with vouchers, covering all his transactions, to the treasurer of his province, and shall submit to the Insular Auditor such reports as that officer may require of him: Provided, That all municipal treasurers holding office at the date of the passage of this Act shall continue to exercise the duties of their respective offices until a new appointment is made under the provisions of this Act: And provided further, That on and after July first, nineteen hundred and four, the position of municipal treasurer shall be classified and subject to all the provisions of the Civil Service Act and rules."

(c) By striking out all of the first paragraph of section twenty-two and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"The president and municipal secretary shall receive such salaries as the council shall fix; the salary of the municipal treasurer shall be fixed by the provincial board: Provided, That the municipal treasurer may also act as a deputy of the provincial treasurer and receive such additional compensation therefor, to be paid from provincial funds, as the provincial board may fix and the Treasurer of the Philippine Islands approve, anything in existing law to the contrary notwithstanding."

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, November 20, 1903.

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