AN ACT ABOLISHING THE USE OF THE GARROTE AS A MEANS OF EXECUTING CRIMINALS HEREAFTER CONDEMNED TO DEATH AND SUBSTITUTING IN PLACE THEREOF EXECUTION BY HANGING.

Act No. 451, September 02, 1902

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

SECTION 1. The use of the garrote as an instrument for the execution of criminals hereafter condemned to death is hereby abolished, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. All persons who shall hereafter be finally sentenced to incur the death penalty, except as hereinafter provided, shall be sentenced to be executed by being hung by the neck until dead, and shall be so executed. The execution shall take place at the time and place and by the persons prescribed by the existing law or by such law as may be hereafter enacted.

SEC. 3. This Act shall not apply to pending prosecutions, nor to prosecutions hereafter instituted for offenses heretofore committed, punishment for which is the death penalty. As to all prosecutions in this section named, the method of execution shall be such as is provided by the existing Spanish law.

SEC. 4. 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 law," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, September 2, 1902.

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