

AN ACT REDUCING THE THIRTY-FOUR MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL NEGROS TO TWENTY-ONE.

Act No. 716, April 02, 1903

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

SECTION 1. The thirty-four municipalities of the Province of Occidental Negros shall, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, be reduced to twenty-one, as follows:

- The municipality of Cauayan shall consist of the same territory as is included in the present barrio of Cauayan, municipality of Isiu, together with all other territory included in the present municipality of Isiu, and the present municipality of Guijungan, except the barrio of Dancalan, of said municipality, and with the seat of the municipal government at the present barrio of Cauayan.
- The municipality of Ilog shall consist of its present territory, of the barrio of Dancalan, municipality of Guijungan, and of the present municipality of Cavancalan, and with the seat of the municipal government at the present municipality of Ilog.
- The municipality of Jimamailan shall consist of its present territory and that of the municipality of Suay, with the seat of the municipal government at the present municipality of Jimamailan.
- The municipality of Isabela shall preserve its present boundaries.
- The municipality of Binalbagan shall consist of its present territory and that of the municipality of Soledad, with the seat of the municipal government at the present municipality of Binalbagan.
- The municipality of Jinigaran shall preserve its present boundaries.
- The municipality of Pontevedra shall consist of its present territory and that of the municipality of La Castellana, with the seat of the municipal government at the present municipality of Pontevedra.
- The municipality of La Carlota shall consist of its present territory and that of the municipality of San Enrique, with the seat of the municipal government at the present municipality of La Carlota.
- The municipality of Valladolid shall consist of its present territory and of all the territory of the municipality of Pulupandan, except that portion of the territory of Pulupandan which was originally a part of the municipality of Bago under Spanish rule, but was subsequently transferred by the so-called revolutionary government from the municipality of Bago to the municipality of Pulupandan, and the seat of the municipal government of the new municipality of Valladolid hereby authorized shall be at the present municipality of Valladolid.
- The municipality of Bago shall consist of its present territory, of the territory of the municipality of Maa, and of that portion of the municipality of Sumag indicated upon a chart now on file in the office of the Philippine Commission as belonging to the municipality hereby authorized, a copy of which chart, signed by the President of the Commission and attested by the recorder thereof, shall be filed in the office of the provincial secretary of Occidental Negros; and of that portion of the municipality of Pulupandan not included in the new municipality of

Valladolid as authorized by this Act. The seat of the municipal government of the new municipality of Bago as herein authorized shall be located at the present municipality of Bago. Copies of the chart herein referred to shall be duly authenticated by the provincial secretary of Occidental Negros and forwarded to the newly elected secretaries of the municipalities of Bago, Murcia, Bacolod, Silay, and Saravia, authorized by this Act.

- The municipality of Murcia shall consist of its present territory and of that portion of the territory of the municipality of Sumag indicated as a part of the municipality of Murcia on the chart referred to in paragraph numbered ten hereof, and with the seat of the municipal government at the present municipality of Murcia.
- The municipality of Bacolod shall consist of its present territory and that portion of the territory of the municipality of Sumag indicated as a part of the municipality of Bacolod on the chart referred to in paragraph numbered ten hereof, and of the territory comprised in the present municipality of Granada, with the seat of the municipal government at the present municipality of Bacolod.
- The municipality of Talisay shall preserve its present boundaries.
- The municipality of Silay shall consist of its present territory, of the territory of the municipality of Guimbaloan, and of that portion of the territory of the present municipality of Eustaquio Lopez indicated as a part of the municipality of Silay on the chart referred to in paragraph numbered ten hereof, with the seat of the municipal government at the present municipality of Silay.
- The municipality of Saravia shall consist of its present territory and that portion of the territory of the municipality of Eustaquio Lopez indicated as a part of the municipality of Saravia upon the chart referred to in paragraph numbered ten hereof, with the seat of the municipal government at the present municipality of Saravia.
- The municipality of Victorias shall preserve its present boundaries.
- The municipality of Manapla shall preserve its present boundaries.
- The municipality of Cadiz shall preserve its present boundaries.
- The municipality of Sagay shall preserve its present boundaries.
- The municipality of Escalante shall preserve its present boundaries.
- The municipality of San Carlos shall consist of its present territory and that of the municipality of Calatrava, with the seat of the municipal government at the present municipality of San Carlos.

SEC. 2. The provincial supervisor of Occidental Negros, with the assistance of the municipalities concerned, shall determine the boundaries between the new municipalities of Bago and Valladolid, Murcia and Bacolod, and Silay and Saravia, to be organized under this Act, in conformity with the chart referred to in paragraph numbered ten of section one of this Act.

SEC. 3. The provincial governor of Occidental Negros shall direct the holding of a municipal election in each of the new municipalities under the provisions of sections ninety-one, ninety-two, ninety-three, and ninety-four of the Municipal Code, on or before the first day of Jun, nineteen hundred and three, and not earlier than the fifth day of May nineteen hundred and three. When the new municipal officials shall have been elected, and shall have qualified, the present organization of each of the thirty-four municipalities mentioned in section one of this Act, except those described in paragraphs numbered four, six, thirteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, and twenty of said section, shall be thereby abolished, and all offices held by virtue of their present organization shall be vacant and abolished, so that all the present municipal officials shall cease to hold office as soon as the new officials shall have taken the oath of office. Until the officials elected for the new municipalities as described in

section one shall have qualified the present organizations of the existing municipalities therein named shall continue.'

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 laws," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

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

Enacted, April 2, 1903.

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