AN ACT EXTENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ACT TO THE PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND INCORPORATING THE PUEBLO OF SAN NICOLAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CEBU.

Act No. 116, April 18, 1901

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

SECTION 1. All the provisions of an Act entitled "A general Act for the organization of provincial governments in the Philippine islands," enacted February sixth, nineteen hundred and one, shall apply to and govern the establishment of a provincial government in that territory in the Island of Cebu and neighboring islands, known as the Province of Cebu, with such exceptions, modifications, and supplementary provisions as are hereinafter contained.

SEC. 2. The compensation to be paid provincial officers of the Province of Cebu shall be at the following rate per year, money of the United States:

For the provincial governor, three thousand dollars;

For the provincial secretary, one thousand eight hundred dollars;

For the provincial treasurer, three thousand dollars;

For the provincial supervisor, two thousand five hundred dollars;

For the provincial fiscal, one thousand eight hundred dollars.

The salary of provincial officers shall be payable monthly so that one-twelfth of the annual salary shall be paid on the last day of each calendar month.

Each provincial officer shall be allowed his necessary and actual traveling expenses, not exceeding two dollars and fifty cents per day, while absent from the capital on official business. The allowance shall be made by the provincial board upon the certificate of the officer that the travel was necessary for the public business, and shall not be paid until the account, accompanied by the resolution of the board approving the same, shall be forwarded to the Insular Treasurer and by him approved.

SEC. 3. The bond of the provincial treasurer shall be twenty-five thousand dollars until the first day of March, nineteen hundred and two, when, in view of the collection of the land tax, the Commission may require a new bond or an additional bond to cover the probable increase of the funds of which the provincial treasurer shall have custody at any one time. The bond to be given shall be conditioned to secure on the part of the provincial treasurer that he shall account for the internal-revenue collections coming into his hands as internal-revenue collector, the taxes collected by him for each municipality, for the province, and for the Central Government. The form of the bond shall be prescribed by the Insular Treasurer. If, upon the request of the Commission, the Military Governor shall detail any military officer to fill a provincial office, no bond shall be required of him and no salary shall be

paid him, until after July first, nineteen hundred and one.

SEC. 4. The presidents or alcaldes of the municipalities of the province shall meet on the third Monday in January, April, July, and October to consider improvements needed in the province and for the provincial government, and to make recommendations to the provincial board. The convention shall be called together by the provincial secretary, and shall elect a chairman for each quarter's session. The provincial secretary shall act as secretary of the convention, and shall certify its recommendations to the provincial board.

SEC. 5. The capital of the province shall be, as formerly, at the town of Cebu, and the pueblo of San Nicolas is hereby incorporated in the municipality of Cebu, and made subject to the government thereof. Should the provincial governor determine that the incorporation of San Nicolas, in Cebu, shall change the class of the municipality under the Municipal Code, and require the number of councilors to be increased, it shall be the duty of the present municipal council of Cebu, upon the certificate of the provincial governor, to elect the necessary additional councilors from among the residents of the added district of San Nicolas. At the next regular election in December, nineteen hundred and one, under the Municipal Code, the whole municipal council of Cebu shall be elected as if the town were being newly organized under the Municipal Code, and the councilors elected shall be divided by lot, as prescribed in the Code, into those who shall hold their offices for one year, and those who shall hold their offices for two years. The municipal government which exists de facto in San Nicolas is hereby abolished. The existing police force of the pueblo of San Nicolas shall be part of the police of Cebu, and subject to the orders of the president of Cebu until the municipal council shall make further provisions.

SEC. 6. The provincial building or Casa-Gobierno in the town of Cebu shall be occupied for the provincial offices, and as the official residence of the governor.

SEC. 7. This Act shall lake effect on its passage.

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