

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5697, June 21, 1969 ]**

**AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL JUDGE FOR THE CITY COURT OF THE CITY OF BUTUAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION SEVENTY-SIX OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BUTUAN.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section seventy-six of Republic Act Numbered Five hundred twenty-three, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Butuan, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 76. *Regular, auxiliary and acting judges of the city court.*-There shall be a city court for the City of Butuan which shall have two branches for which the two judges thereof shall be known, respectively, as judge of the first and second branch, and an auxiliary city judge.

"The city judges may, upon proper application, be allowed a vacation of not more than thirty days every year with salary. The auxiliary city judge shall discharge the duties of the city judge in case of absence, incapacity or inability of the latter until he assumes his post, or until a new judge shall have been appointed. During his incumbency the auxiliary city judge shall enjoy the powers, emoluments and privileges of the city judge who shall not receive any remuneration therefor except the salary to which he is entitled by reason of his vacation provided for in this Act.

"In case of absence, incapacity or inability of both the city judges and the auxiliary city judge, the Secretary of Justice shall designate the justice of the peace of any of the adjoining municipalities to preside over the city court, and he shall hold the office temporarily until the regular incumbent or the auxiliary judge thereof shall have resumed office or until another judge shall have been appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Act. The justice of the peace so designated shall receive his salary as justice of the peace plus seventy per cent of the salary of the city judge whose office he has temporarily assumed. The city judges shall receive a salary of not exceeding fifteen thousand pesos *per annum*, one-half of which shall be paid by the city government and the other half by the National Government."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 21, 1969.

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