

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6000, August 04, 1969]

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO DECLARE THE POSITION OF GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL DISTINCT AND SEPARATE FROM THAT OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, PROVIDE FOR HIS APPOINTMENT AND SALARY, AND APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section one of Republic Act Numbered Two thousand three hundred twenty-seven, as amended by Republic Act Numbered Three thousand eight hundred thirty-eight, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The position of Government Corporate Counsel is hereby declared distinct and separate from that of the Solicitor General. The Government Corporate Counsel, who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments, shall head the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel as presently constituted. He shall have the rank and privilege of an under-secretary of Department and shall receive compensation of twenty-two thousand pesos *per annum*. He shall be the principal law officer of all government-owned or controlled corporations.

"To enable him to discharge his functions as such, it shall be the duty of all said corporations to refer to him all important legal question for opinion, advice and determination, all proposed contracts and all important court cases for his services.

"He shall, moreover, exercise control and supervision over all legal divisions maintained separately by said corporations.

"No government-owned or controlled corporation shall hire a private law practitioner to handle any of its legal cases without the written consent of the Government Corporate Counsel or the Secretary of Justice."

SEC. 2. Section two of the same Act, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The positions of three assistant government corporate counsel are hereby created, each to receive an annual salary of fifteen thousand pesos whose qualifications shall be the same as those prescribed for Judges of the Courts of First Instance and who shall also be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments, When the Government Corporate Counsel is unable to perform his duties or in case of vacancy in the office, the senior assistant government corporate counsel shall temporarily perform the functions of said officer, or in his absence, the next senior assistant government corporate counsel.

"There shall also be thirty corporate attorneys who shall also be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments and whose salaries shall be as follows:

"(a) Five corporate attorneys each of whom shall receive an annual salary of thirteen thousand two hundred pesos;

"(b) Five corporate attorneys each of whom shall receive an annual salary of twelve thousand four hundred eighty pesos;

"(c) Four corporate attorneys each of whom shall receive an annual salary of eleven thousand seven hundred sixty pesos;

"(d) Four corporate attorneys each of whom shall receive an annual salary of ten thousand eight hundred eighty pesos;

"(e) Four corporate attorneys each of whom shall receive an annual salary of ten thousand two hundred sixty pesos;

"(f) Four corporate attorneys each of whom shall receive an annual salary of nine thousand five hundred forty pesos;

"(g) Four corporate attorneys each of whom shall receive an annual salary of eight thousand eight hundred twenty pesos;

"The qualifications for appointment to the positions of corporate attorneys mentioned in subparagraphs (a) to (f) above shall be the same as those prescribed for provincial fiscals; those for corporate attorney mentioned in subparagraph (g) above must be actual practice of law in the Philippines for at least three years, or having occupied during a like period within the Philippines, a position requiring admission to the practice of law in the Philippines as an indispensable requisite.

"There shall also be five research attorneys who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Justice upon recommendation of the Government Corporate counsel and whose salaries shall be as follows:

"(a) One senior research attorney at seven thousand three hundred twenty pesos *per annum*;

"(b) Two research attorneys at six thousand six hundred pesos *per annum* each;