

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4659, June 18, 1966]

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ILOILO.

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

SECTION 1. The first paragraph of Section twelve of Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred fifty-eight, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 12. *Secretary of city.*—The Municipal Board shall appoint a secretary of the city, who shall receive an annual compensation in accordance with existing laws and shall be considered chief of a department of the city. Said secretary shall be the local civil registrar of the City of Iloilo and shall have charge and custody of all records and documents of the city and of any office or department thereof for which provision is not otherwise made; shall keep the corporate seal of the city and affix the same with his signature to all ordinances and resolutions signed by the Mayor and to all other official documents and papers of the government of the city as may be required by custom, in the discretion of the Mayor; shall attest all executive orders, proclamations, ordinances and resolutions signed by the Mayor and shall perform such other duties as the Mayor may require of him or as may be required of him by law or ordinance; shall, on demand, burnish certified copies of all records and documents in his charge which are not of a confidential character and shall collect twenty centavos for each one hundred words including the certificate, and all receipts shall be paid into the city treasury. He shall likewise perform all the duties imposed on chiefs of departments of the city government by Section twenty-four hereof."

SEC. 2. Section twenty-one of the same Act, as amended, is further amended by adding after the last subparagraph thereof a new subparagraph (dd), to read as follows:

"(dd) to create new barrios within the city limits."

SEC. 3. The first paragraph of Section twenty-three of the same Act, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 23. *City departments.*—There shall be the following city departments over which the Mayor shall have general supervision:

"1. Department of Finance.

"2. Department of Engineering and Public Works.

"3. Legal Department.

"4. Police Department.

"5. Department of Assessment.

"6. Department of Public Services.

"7. Fire Department."

SEC. 4. Section twenty-five of the same Act, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 25. *Appointment and Removal of Officers and Employees.*—With the consent of the Commission on Appointments the President of the Philippines shall appoint the City Treasurer, City Assessor, City Engineer, City Fiscal, the City Judge, the Auxiliary City Judge, the Chief of Police and the Chief of Fire Department. Subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Law and rules, the Mayor shall appoint and remove upon confirmation and approval by the Municipal Board all other officers and employees of the city whose appointment is not otherwise provided by law and whose salaries are paid wholly or partly from city funds, excluding- the regular employees in the City Auditor's Office. The suspension or removal of the same should be subject to the provisions of Executive Order Numbered Thirty-nine of the President of the Philippines. The Mayor shall recommend to the President of the Philippines the suspension or removal of any officer or employee of the executive or administrative departments of the city appointed by said President, whose decision shall be final."

SEC. 5. The first paragraph of Section fifty-six of the same Act, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 56. *City Court—Its jurisdiction.*—There shall be a city court for the City of Iloilo for which there shall be appointed four city judges and two auxiliary city judges who shall receive the salary provided for under existing laws. The city judges shall have as a general rule the same powers and duties as are conferred upon them by law, including authority to solemnize marriages. They shall be entitled to thirty days vacation with pay each year. One of the said city judges shall be designated by the Secretary of Justice to try all cases of traffic violations within the City of Iloilo."

SEC. 6. Section sixty-four of the same Act, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 64. *The city fiscal—His assistants—His duties.*—There shall be a city fiscal with fourteen assistant city fiscals, who shall discharge his duties under the general supervision of the Secretary of Justice. He shall be the legal adviser of the city and all offices and departments thereof; shall represent the city in all civil cases wherein the city or any officer thereof in his official capacity is a party; shall attend, when necessary,