

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3090, June 17, 1961**]

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY ACT OF 1948," AS AMENDED.

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

SECTION 1. Section forty-two of Republic Act Numbered Two hundred and ninety-six, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 42. *Qualification and salary.*—No person shall be appointed District Judge unless he has been ten years a citizen of the Philippines and has practiced law in the Philippines for a period of not less than ten years or has held during a like period, within the Philippines, an office requiring admission to the practice of law in the Philippines as an indispensable requisite.

The District Judge shall receive a compensation at the rate of sixteen thousand pesos *per annum*. The Judicial Superintendent of the Judiciary Division shall receive the same compensation and shall have the same rank and be entitled to the same privileges as the District Judge."

SEC. 2. The last paragraph of Section fifty of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 50. *Judges of First Instance of Judicial Districts.*

"Fifteen judges shall be commissioned for the Sixteenth Judicial District. Three judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of the Province of Davao and Davao City to be known as judges of the first, second and third branches thereof; three judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Cotabato, to be known as judges of the first, second and third branches thereof: two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Occidental Misamis and Ozamis City to be known as judges of the first and second branches thereof; two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Zamboanga del Norte to be known as judges of the first and second branches thereof; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Zamboanga del Sur; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Zamboanga City,