

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2368, June 20, 1959**]

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF MUNICIPALITIES, TO FIX THE MAXIMUM LIMIT OF THE SALARIES OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Sections twenty-one hundred and seventy, twenty-one hundred and seventy-one, and twenty-one hundred and eighty-four of the Revised Administrative Code, as amended, are further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2170. *Classification of municipalities—Number of councilors.*—Municipalities are divided into seven classes, according to their income, as follows:

"(a) First class: The municipalities that have obtained Average total revenue of three hundred thousand pesos or more *per annum* during the last four fiscal years, and shall have eight councilors;

"(b) Second class : The municipalities that have obtained an average total revenue of two hundred thousand pesos or more *per annum*, but less than three hundred thousand pesos, during the last four fiscal years, and shall have eight councilors;

"(c) Third class: The municipalities that have obtained an average total revenue of one hundred thousand pesos or more *per annum*, but less than two hundred thousand pesos, during the last four fiscal years, and shall have eight councilors;

"(d) Fourth class: The municipalities that have obtained an average total revenue of fifty thousand pesos or more *per annum* but less, than one hundred thousand pesos, during the last four fiscal years, and shall have eight councilors;

"(e) Fifth class: The municipalities that have obtained an average total revenue of thirty thousand pesos or more *per annum*, but less than fifty thousand pesos, during the last four fiscal years, and shall have eight councilors;

"(f) Sixth class: The municipalities that have obtained an average total revenue of fifteen thousand pesos or more *per annum*, but less than thirty thousand pesos, during the last four fiscal years, and shall have six councilors:

"(g) Seventh class: The municipalities that have obtained an average total revenue of less than fifteen thousand pesos per annum during the last four fiscal years, and shall have six councilors: *Provided*, That municipalities with an average total revenue of less than five thousand

pesos *per annum* during the same fiscal period shall have only four councilors:

"Provided, further, That the councilors elected at the last general election in each municipality shall continue to hold office during the term for which they were elected, and the reduction or increase of the number of councilors in accordance with the classification of municipalities prescribed in this Act shall take effect beginning with the general election of nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

"SEC. 2171. *Classification of municipalities by the Secretary of Finance.*—Beginning July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, and for each period of four consecutive fiscal years after said date, the Secretary of Finance shall classify all municipalities on the basis of their average annual income during the four consecutive fiscal years immediately preceding such classification in accordance with the provisions of the next preceding section as certified by the Auditor General.

"SEC. 2184. *Maximum limit of salaries.*—Except as otherwise specially provided herein, the annual salaries of municipal officers shall not exceed the amounts hereinbelow fixed:

"In municipalities of the first class that have obtained during the next preceding two fiscal years an average total annual revenue of one million four hundred thousand pesos or more (First-1.): For the mayor, seven thousand eight hundred pesos; for the municipal treasurer, six thousand four hundred and eighty pesos; for the municipal secretary, four thousand two hundred pesos; for the chief of police, three thousand seven hundred and twenty pesos; and for the chief of municipal fire department, three thousand one hundred and twenty pesos.

"In municipalities of the first class that have obtained during the next preceding two fiscal years an average total annual revenue of one million pesos or more but less than one million four hundred thousand pesos (First-2): For the mayor, seven thousand five hundred pesos; for the municipal treasurer, six thousand one hundred and twenty pesos; for the municipal secretary, three thousand nine hundred and sixty pesos; for the chief of police, three thousand six hundred pesos; and for the chief of Municipal fire department, three thousand pesos.

"In municipalities of the first class that have obtained during the next preceding two fiscal years an average total annual revenue of seven hundred thousand pesos or more but less than one million pesos (First-3): For the mayor, seven thousand two hundred pesos; for the municipal treasurer, five thousand seven hundred and sixty pesos; the municipal secretary, three thousand seven hundred eighty pesos; for the chief of police, three thousand four hundred and eighty pesos; and for the chief of municipal fire department, two thousand eight hundred and eighty pesos.

"In municipalities of the first class that have obtained during the next preceding two fiscal years an average total annual revenue of live hundred thousand pesos or more but less than seven hundred thousand

pesos (First-4). For the mayor, six thousand six hundred pesos; for the municipal treasurer, five thousand four hundred pesos; for the municipal secretary, three thousand six hundred pesos; for the chief of police, three thousand three hundred pesos¹ and for the chief of municipal fire department, two thousand seven hundred and sixty pesos.

"In other municipalities of the first class with an average total annual revenue of three hundred thousand pesos or more but less than five hundred thousand pesos (First-5): For the mayor, six thousand pesos; for the municipal treasurer, five thousand and forty pesos; for the municipal secretary, three thousand three, hundred and sixty pesos; for the chief of police, three thousand pesos; and for the chief of municipal fire department, two thousand five hundred and eighty pesos.

"In municipalities of the second class: For the mayor, five thousand four hundred pesos; for the municipal treasurer, four thousand six hundred and eighty pesos; for the municipal secretary, three thousand pesos; for the chief of police, two thousand seven hundred pesos; and for the chief of municipal fire department, two thousand four hundred pesos.

"In municipalities of the third class: For the mayor, four thousand eight hundred pesos; for the municipal treasury four thousand three hundred and twenty pesos; for municipal secretary, two thousand seven hundred pesos; for the chief of police, two thousand four hundred pesos; and for the chief of municipal fire department, two thousand one hundred and sixty pesos.

"In municipalities of the fourth class: For the mayor, four thousand two hundred pesos; for the municipal treasurer, three thousand seven hundred and eighty pesos; for the municipal secretary, two thousand four hundred pesos; the chief of police, two thousand two hundred and eighty pesos; and for the chief of municipal fire department, two thousand and forty pesos.

"In municipalities of the fifth class: For the mayor, three thousand six hundred pesos; for the municipal treasurer three thousand two hundred and forty pesos; for the municipal secretary, two thousand one hundred and sixty pesos; for the chief of police, two thousand and forty pesos; and for the chief of municipal Are department, one thousand eight hundred pesos.

"In municipalities of the sixth class: For the mayor, two thousand seven hundred and sixty pesos; for the municipal treasurer, two thousand four hundred pesos; for the municipal secretary, one thousand five hundred and sixty pesos; and for the chief of police, one thousand six hundred and eighty pesos.

"In municipalities of the seventh class: For the mayor, two thousand one hundred and sixty pesos; for the municipal treasurer, one thousand nine hundred and twenty pesos; for the municipal secretary, one thousand four hundred and forty pesos; and for the chief of police, one thousand four hundred and forty pesos.