

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1571, June 16, 1956]

**AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT
NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED NINE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
REVISED CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MANILA.**

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph (q), section eleven of Republic Act Numbered Four hundred nine, otherwise known as the Revised Charter of the City of Manila, is amended to read as follows:

"(q) Subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Law, to appoint all officers and employees of the City of Manila, any existing law to the contrary notwithstanding, except those whose appointments are vested in the President. All appointments of the mayor shall be with the consent of the majority of all the members of the Municipal Board: *Provided*, That appointments not rejected or acted upon within thirty days after submission shall be deemed approved."

SEC. 2. Sections thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and seventeen of the same Act are amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 13. *Organization.*—The Municipal Board shall be the legislative body of the city, and shall consist of the vice-mayor, as the presiding officer, and five elective members from each representative district, who shall hold office for four years. The vice-mayor shall have no right to vote except in case of a tie. In the absence of the vice-mayor, or when he acts as mayor, the Board shall elect one of its members as temporary presiding officer. The presiding officer shall sign all ordinances, and all resolutions and motions directing the payment of money or creating liability, enacted or adopted by the Board. In case of sickness of any member of the Board, or if for any reason it becomes necessary to maintain a *quorum*, the President of the Philippines may make a temporary appointment until the return to duty of the sick or absent member. During the period of such temporary appointment the person receiving the same shall possess all the rights and perform all the duties of a member of the Board. The members of the Board shall receive a salary of seven thousand two hundred pesos *per annum*.

"SEC. 14. *Election, suspension and removal of members.*—The members of the Municipal Board shall be elected at large within each representative district, and each of them at the time of election shall be a

resident of the City for at least four years; must be a qualified elector and must have actually resided at least one year in the representative district from which elected prior to his election; and must not be less than twenty-three years of age. Such members may be suspended or removed from office under the same circumstances, in the same manner, and with the same effect, as elective provincial officers.

"Elections for members of the Board shall be held on the date of the regular election for provincial and municipal offices, and elected members shall take office on the first day of January next following their election, upon qualifying, and shall hold office until their successors are elected and have qualified. The five candidates receiving the greatest number of votes within a representative district at an election shall be declared elected.

"SEC. 15. Secretary and other employees of the Board.—The Board shall have a secretary, who shall be elected by it to serve during the term of office of the members. A vacancy in the office of the secretary shall be filled temporarily or for the unexpired term in like manner. The secretary shall be in charge of the records of the Municipal Board. He shall keep a full record of the proceedings of the Board, and file all documents relating thereto; shall record, in a book kept for that purpose, all ordinances, and all resolutions and motions directing the payment of money or creating liability, enacted or adopted by the Board, with the dates of passage of the same, and of the publication of ordinances; shall keep a seal, circular in form, with the inscription 'Municipal Board—City of Manila,' in the center of which shall be placed the arms of the city, and affix the same, with his signature, to all ordinances and other official acts of the Board, and shall present the same for signature to the presiding officer; shall cause each ordinance passed to be published as herein provided; shall on demand, furnish certified copies of all records of public character in his charge under the seal of his office; and collect and receive therefor such fees as may be prescribed by resolution of the Board; and shall keep his office and all records therein which are not of a confidential character open to public inspection during usual business hours. His compensation as secretary shall be fixed by the Board at not exceeding six thousand pesos a year.

"The Board shall appoint and the vice-mayor shall sign all appointments of the other employees of the Board.

"SEC. 17. *Legislative procedure*.—The Board shall hold two ordinary sessions for the transaction of business during each week on days which it shall fix by resolution, and such extraordinary sessions, as may be called by the Mayor. It shall sit with open doors unless otherwise ordered by an affirmative vote of the majority of all the members. It shall keep a record of its proceeding and determine its rules of procedure not herein set forth. A majority of all the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the affirmative votes of a majority of all the members shall be necessary for the passage of any ordinance or resolution. Ordinary motions may be approved by a majority of those present. The ayes and nays shall be taken and recorded upon