

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1210, April 29, 1955 ]**

**AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF COMMONWEALTH ACT  
NUMBERED THIRTY-NINE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ZAMBOANGA, SO AS TO MAKE  
ELECTIVE THE POSITIONS OF MAYOR, VICE-MAYOR AND  
COUNCILOR.**

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

SECTION 1. Section seven of Commonwealth Act Numbered Thirty-nine, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Zamboanga, as amended by Commonwealth Act Numbered Two hundred eight, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 7. *Election and compensation.*—The Mayor shall be the chief executive of the city.

"The Mayor shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city during every election for provincial and municipal officials in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Election Code. No person shall be eligible for the position of Mayor unless he is at least twenty-five years of age, a qualified voter and a resident of the city for not less than one year immediately prior to his election.

"He shall receive the salary provided for in Republic Act Numbered Eight hundred forty. With the approval of the proper head of department the Mayor may receive, in addition to his salary, a non-commutable allowance of two thousand pesos *per annum*."

SEC. 2. Sections eight and twelve of the same Act are amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. *The Vice-Mayor.*—There shall be a Vice-Mayor who shall perform the duties of the Mayor, in the event of the sickness, absence or other temporary incapacity of the Mayor, or in the event of a definitive vacancy in the position of Mayor, until said office shall be filled in accordance with law. If, for any reason, the Vice-Mayor is temporarily incapacitated for the performance of the duties of the office of the Mayor, or said office of the Vice-Mayor is vacant, the duties of the Mayor shall be performed by the city engineer. The acting mayor shall have the same powers and duties as the Mayor.

"The Vice-Mayor shall be the presiding officer of the City Council and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Mayor or prescribed by law or ordinance. He shall be elected in the same manner and shall possess the same qualifications as the Mayor, and shall receive a salary which shall not exceed four thousand eight hundred