

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 300, June 17, 1948 ]**

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE, THIRTEEN, FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN, AND THIRTY-SEVEN OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX AS AMENDED.**

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

SECTION 1. Sections seven, eight, nine, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and thirty-seven of Commonwealth Act Numbered Three hundred and twenty-six as amended are hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 7. *Relations between the City of Bacolod and the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental.*—For election purposes, the City of Bacolod unless otherwise provided shall continue as part of the Second Congressional District of the Province of Negros Occidental. The voters of the City of Bacolod shall, however, not take part in the election of provincial officers of Negros Occidental, and the latter shall have no jurisdiction over the City of Bacolod and the officers of the same.

"In consideration of the privileges and exemptions enjoyed by the provincial government within the city and the responsibilities imposed on the same by the continuance of the city as capital of the province, the provincial of Occidental Negros shall be obliged to create a permanent continuing annual appropriation of not less than fifty thousand pesos to be credited to the general funds of the city. The Auditor General shall see to the enforcement of this provision of law and shall transfer to the City of Bacolod at the beginning of each year, from any funds in the provincial treasury of Occidental Negros not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifty thousand pesos, unless the provincial government shall have previously voted a greater sum."

"SEC. 8. *Appointment and compensation.*—The mayor shall be the chief executive of the city.

"The mayor shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Commission on Appointments of the Congress of the Philippines, and shall hold office at the pleasure of the President.

"He shall receive a salary of not less than seven thousand two hundred pesos a year. The mayor may receive, in addition to his salary, an allowance to be fixed by the city council, which he may disburse for any lawful purpose incident to his duties as mayor."

"SEC. 9. *The Vice-Mayor-Appointment, compensation powers and duties.*

—There shall be a vice-mayor appointed by the President with the consent of the Commission on Appointments, who shall perform the duties of the mayor in the event of sickness, absence or other temporary incapacity of the mayor or in the event of a definite vacancy in the position of mayor, until said office shall be filled in accordance with law.

"The vice-mayor shall sit as a member of the city council and shall receive the *per diem* of a councilor.

"If for any reason, the vice-mayor shall be incapacitated to perform the duties of a mayor or if the office of the vice-mayor is vacant, the duties of the mayor shall be performed by a councilor to be designated by the mayor. The vice-mayor or councilor when acting in the place of the mayor shall receive such *per diem* as may be fixed by the city council."

"SEC. 13. *Constitution and organization of the city council.*—The city council shall be the legislative body of the city and shall be composed of the city mayor, the vice-mayor, the city engineer, the city treasurer and seven councilors, two appointed by the President with the consent of the Commission on Appointments of the Congress of the Philippines, and the other five elected by popular vote. The mayor shall act as president of the council. Pending the next general election, the office of the new elective councilors shall be filled in the same manner as the offices of the appointive councilors.

"If any member of the city council should be a candidate for office in any election, he shall be incompetent to act with the city council in the discharge of the duties herein conferred upon it as to election matters, and in such case the other members of the council shall discharge said duties without his assistance, or they may choose some disinterested elector of the city to act on the council in such matters in his stead.

"The councilors shall be residents of the City of Bacolod and shall have the status and qualifications of provincial officers of an organized province.

"The president of the city council shall preside at all meetings of the council at which he is present and shall have the right to vote on all matters submitted to the council. In his absence, the council meeting shall be presided by the vice-mayor as acting president and in the absence of the mayor and vice-mayor, the council meeting shall be presided over by the city treasurer. The president of the council shall sign all ordinances and all resolutions and motions directing payment of money or creating liability. In case of sickness or absence of any member of the council or if for any reason it becomes necessary to maintain a *quorum*, the President of the Philippines shall appoint a temporary substitute who until the return to duty of the sick or absent member, shall hold the office and have the right to receive compensation or emolument and perform all the duties of a member of the council.

"The mayor, the city engineer, and the city treasurer shall sit in the city council without additional compensation. The vice-mayor and the other