[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 164, June 20, 1947]

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATIVE TO OFFICES OF REGISTER OF DEEDS.

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

SECTION 1. Sections one hundred ninety-two, one hundred ninety-two (b), and two hundred one of the Administrative Code, as amended, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 192. Office of register of deeds.—There shall be one register of deeds for each city and one for each province, except in the Mountain Province, where there shall be two: one for the Subprovince of Benguet, and another for the rest of the province: *Provided, however,* That the register of deeds of the City of Baguio shall be ex-officio register of deeds for the Subprovince of Benguet, and that the register of deeds of a province whose capital is a chartered city shall likewise be ex-officio register of deeds for said city.

"SEC. 192. (b). Salaries of registers of deeds.—The salary of the register of deeds of the City of Manila shall be five thousand four hundred pesos per annum; that of the registers of deeds of the Provinces of Cebu, Iloilo, Negros occidental, Nueva Ecija, Pangasinan, and Rizal, three Thousand six hundred pesos per annum; that of the registers of deeds of the Provinces of Bulacan, Laguna, Pampanga, Quezon, and Tarlac, three thousand pesos per annum; that of the registers of deeds of the Provinces of Albay, Bataan, Batangas, Camarines Sur, Capiz, Cavite, Cotabato, Davao, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Isabela, La Union, Leyte, Negros Oriental, Nueva Vizcaya, and Zamboanga, the City of Baguio, and Quezon City, twenty-four hundred pesos per annum; that of the registers of deeds of other cities and provinces, eighteen hundred pesos per annum.

"From time to time but not oftener than once every five years after the approval of this Act, the rates of salary of the registers of deeds, except in the City of Manila, shall be revised and fixed in accordance with the following schedule: (a) four thousand pesos per annum for the registers of deeds whose yearly average collections during the last three years immediately preceding the year of the revision have been fifty thousand pesos or more; (b) three thousand six hundred pesos per annum for those whose yearly average collections during the same period have been thirty thousand pesos or more but less than fifty thousand pesos; (c) three thousand pesos per annum for those whose yearly average