

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 395, December 24, 1941 ]**

**PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF JUSTICES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS AND OF THE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AND INVESTING JUDGES APPOINTED UNDER COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 504 (CADASTRAL) WITH GENERAL JURISDICTION**

Pursuant to the powers vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, I, MANUEL L. QUEZON, President of the Philippines, do hereby order that:

1. The Court of Appeals of the Philippines shall consist of a Presiding Justice and eighteen Associate Justices and may sit in such number or divisions as the Court may, by resolution, provide.
2. Fourteen judges shall be commissioned for the Fourth Judicial District, of which eleven, with residence in the City of Manila, shall be known as judges of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Branches, respectively, shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Manila and Palawan, and three judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Rizal.
3. All Judges appointed under the provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 504 (Cadastral) shall henceforth have general jurisdiction throughout the Philippines to try and determine all cases cognizable originally or on appeal by the Courts of First Instance.

Done at the City of Manila, this 24th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and forty-one, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the seventh.

**(Sgd.) MANUEL L. QUEZON**  
President of the Philippines

By the President:  
**(Sgd.) JORGE B. VARGAS**  
Secretary to the President



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