

[Act No. 3206, December 04, 1924]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE AND TWENTY-TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RELATIVE TO THE SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE, DECLARE SECTIONS TWENTY-ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT, TWENTY-TWO HUNDRED AND ONE, AND TWENTY-TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE OF SAID CODE NOT APPLICABLE TO CHIEFS AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. Section eight hundred and thirty-five of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 835. *Suspension of police by municipal president.*— When the Provincial Commander of the Constabulary finds that the officers or men of any body of municipal police are inefficient, dishonest, disloyal to the United States or the Philippine Government, or guilty of misconduct or any violation of law or duty, he shall at once file a complaint under oath with the president of the municipality, who shall have the power to suspend the accused pending investigation of the case under the provisions of section twenty-two hundred and seventy-two of the Administrative Code."

SEC. 2. Section twenty-two hundred and seventy-two of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2272. *Suspension and removal of members of municipal police.*— Members of the municipal police shall not be removed and, except in cases of resignation, shall not be discharged except for misconduct or incompetency, dishonesty, disloyalty to the United States or Philippine Government, serious irregularities in the performance of their duties, and violation of law or duty, and in such cases charges shall be preferred under oath by the municipal president or by any other person and investigated by the municipal council, or a committee of three councilors designated for said purpose by a majority of the council, in public hearing, and the accused shall be given opportunity to make their defense. In every case filed against a member of the municipal police, a copy of the charges shall be furnished the accused by the municipal president personally or by registered mail, within five days from the date of the filing of the charges, and the council or its committee shall try the case within ten days from the date the accused has been notified of the charges, unless the accused, for good reasons, shall ask for a longer period to prepare his defense. The trial of the case shall be finished within a reasonable time, and if it is tried by a committee, the