

[Act No. 2876, January 08, 1920]

AN ACT TO AMEND PARAGRAPH EIGHTEEN OF SECTION ONE OF ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING TO THE MANILA RAILROAD COMPANY OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS A CONCESSION TO CONSTRUCT A RAILROAD IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON."

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. Paragraph eighteen of section one of Act Numbered Twenty-eight hundred and thirty-six is hereby amended to read as follows:

"18. This franchise shall not take effect until the grantee shall have obtained from the Public Utility Commission a certificate showing the public necessity and convenience of the same, in accordance with the purpose of section twenty-three of Act Numbered Twenty-three hundred and seven, as amended, and shall have filed such certificate with the Governor-General, and said grantee shall make application for such certificate within ten months from and after the date of the approval of this Act, and if this period expires without its having made such application, this franchise shall become null and void. This franchise shall also become, null and void if the grantee fails to file with the Governor-General, within sixty days from and after the date on which it secured the certificate hereinbefore required, its acceptance in due form of the terms and conditions set forth in this Act, together with said certificate: *Provided*, That upon making such acceptance, the grantee shall also state in writing that it accepts as a necessary part of this concession the following condition, to-wit:

" 'That the grantee states in writing that it is informed of the message of the President of the United States addressed to the Filipino people and communicated to said people by the Governor-General of the Philippine Islands on the sixth day of October, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and of the reply message of the Philippine Assembly made in the name of the Filipino people and approved and sent on October sixteenth, nineteen hundred and thirteen; that said grantee binds itself not to engage in or aid, by means of contribution in cash or otherwise, any propaganda directed against the policy of the Government of the United States outlined in such message of the President and the aspirations of the Filipino people set forth in said reply message of the Philippine Assembly, whether under the pretext of vested interests or under any other pretext, and that said grantee further binds itself to exact a similar engagement from its administrators, agents, successors, and assigns.'

"By the acceptance hereof, the grantee stipulates and agrees that any railways constructed by virtue of these presents shall accord with the terms and conditions herein imposed and shall be maintained in perpetuity as commercial railways and common carriers in a manner suitable to the local conditions.