

[Act No. 2931, April 06, 1920]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, IN SUCH A SUM AS THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES MAY AUTHORIZE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

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. The Governor-General is hereby authorized to issue, in the name of the Government of the Philippine Islands, such additional bonds as may be authorized to be issued by Act of Congress, in amounts to be fixed by the Council of State within the limits provided for in said Act of Congress, for the purpose of establishing irrigation systems in the Philippine Islands. The bonds thus authorized to be issued shall bear a date to be fixed by the Council of State and shall bear such interest as is authorized by Congress, or in default thereof such interest as may be fixed by the Governor-General, with the consent of the presiding officers of both Houses of the Philippine Legislature. Such interest shall be payable quarterly or at such periods as may be designated by Congress. The bonds shall be redeemable and payable after such periods as may be designated by Congress, or in the event that no definite time is fixed by the same, they shall be made redeemable at the pleasure of the Government of the Philippine Islands after ten years from date of issue and payable in thirty years after said date. The principal and interest thereof shall be payable in gold coin of the United States or its equivalent, in the discretion of the Insular Treasurer in Manila, if the bonds are sold in the Philippine Islands, or in gold coin of the United States in the United States Treasury, if sold in the United States, unless otherwise provided by Congress. The said bonds shall be in registered form, and in suitable denominations. Said bonds are hereby declared to be exempt from the payment of any tax established by the Government of the Philippine Islands or any authority, branch, division, or political subdivision thereof, which fact shall be stated upon their face, as well as any other exemption which Congress may determine with regard to taxes of the Government of the United States or any authority, branch, division or political subdivision thereof.

SEC. 2. The Governor-General is further authorized to sell said bonds on such terms as are most favorable to the Government of the Philippine Islands and to deposit the proceeds of such sales with an authorized depository of the Government of the Philippine Islands.

SEC. 3. The proceeds of the sale of said bonds shall be placed by the Insular Treasurer to the credit of the "Irrigation ASystem Bond Issue" account and shall be disbursed only upon appropriation by the Secretary of Commerce and Communications, with the approval of the Council of State, for the purposes mentioned in this Act.

SEC. 4. Commencing with the fiscal year of the issuance of the bonds, and each succeeding year thereafter until said bonds shall have been paid, there is hereby made a continuing annual appropriation, authorized to be paid out of any funds in