

[Act No. 2617., February 04, 1916]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS SIXTY-SEVEN AND SEVENTY-ONE OF ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX, AS AMENDED, AND SECTION 1 FIVE OF ACT NUMBERED FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY, AS AMENDED, BY PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES AND DUTIES OF THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE OF THE CAPITALS OF MINDORO. PALAWAN, AND BATANES, LIMITING THE JURISDICTION OF THE EX-OFFICIO JUSTICES OF SAID PROVINCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Legislature, that:

SECTION 1. Section sixty-seven of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended by Act Numbered Two thousand and forty-one, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 67. *Appointment and term.*-One justice of the peace and one auxiliary justice shall be appointed by the Governor-General, by and with the consent of the Philippine Commission, for the city of Manila, for each municipality organized according to the Municipal Code, and for such other towns or places as may be determined by resolution of said Commission: *Provided, however,* That upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Finance and Justice the Governor-General, with the consent of the Philippine Commission, may appoint one justice of the peace and one auxiliary justice for two or more such municipalities, towns, or places, at a salary not to exceed seventy-five per centum of the sum of the salaries of the combined positions. Whenever a vacancy occurs therein, except in the city of Manila, the judge of the Court of First Instance of the district shall forward to the Governor-General a list of persons qualified to fill said vacancy. All applications filed shall be forwarded together with said list. In making appointments preference shall be given first to any justice of the province who may desire to transfer to another station or any auxiliary justice of the peace whose record entitles him to promotion: *Provided, however,* That the Governor-General may appoint any qualified person not included in such lists when the interests of the service so require.

"In case new municipalities are formed by the Governor-General he shall, in the same manner, designate which of the justices and auxiliary justices within the territory so formed into the municipality shall continue in office and the powers of all others therein shall cease. All justices of the peace and auxiliary justices shall hold office during good behavior and those now in office who have not the qualifications required by this Act shall continue in office until their successors are appointed."

SEC. 2. Section seventy-one of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended by section three of Act Numbered Twenty-one hundred and thirty-one, is hereby further amended to read as follows :

"SEC. 71. *Salary and disposition of fines and fees.*-Justices of the peace shall receive salary as follows: In first-class municipalities, nine hundred and sixty pesos a year; in second-class municipalities, eight hundred and forty pesos a year; in third-class municipalities, seven hundred and twenty pesos a year; in fourth-class