

[Act No. 2222, February 03, 1913]

ALL ACT FURTHER TO AMEND SECTION THIRTY-THREE, CHAPTER FOUR OF ACT NUMBERED NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX, ENTITLED "THE PUBLIC LAND ACT," AS AMENDED, BY PROVIDING FOR THE GRANTING OF FREE PATENTS TO NATIVE SETTLERS UNTIL JANUARY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE.

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

SECTION 1. Section thirty-three of Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-six, as amended by Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and seventy-three, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 33. Any person desiring to obtain the benefits of this chapter must, prior to January first, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, file an application for a patent with such officer as may be designated by law as local land officer, or in case there be no such officer then with the Director of Lands. Said application must be executed under oath, and must show the following facts: The name, age, and post-office address of the applicant; that he is a native of the Philippine Islands; the location of the land desired, stating the province, municipality, and barrio in which the same is situated, and as accurate a description as may be given, showing the boundaries of the land, having reference to natural objects and permanent monuments, if any; that the land is not claimed or occupied by any other person; a statement as to the date when the applicant or his ancestor, giving the name of ancestor and stating his relationship to the applicant, entered into occupation and began cultivation, and a description of the improvements which have been made. If the first occupation and cultivation is claimed through an ancestor, the applicant must show the name of such ancestor and must file satisfactory evidence of the date and place of his death and burial, in which case the patent shall issue in the name of the heir or heirs of such ancestor as defined by the laws of the Philippine Islands."

SEC. 2. As soon as this Act shall have been approved by the President of the United States and shall have received the express or implied sanction of Congress, as provided for in section thirteen of the Act of Congress approved on July first, nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An Act temporarily to provide for the administration of the affairs of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes," these facts shall be published by proclamation of the Governor-General of the Islands, and this Act shall take effect on the date of such proclamation.'

Enacted, February 3, 1913.

