

[ Act No. 2128, February 01, 1912 ]

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SUPREME COURT TO CONTROL AND MANAGE ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE PERSONNEL AND THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS OF THE COURT; TO HOLD SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD DESIGNATED BY LAW FOR THE ANNUAL "COURT VACATION;" AND PROVIDING FOR ACCRUED LEAVE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE COURT IN CERTAIN CASES.**

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

SECTION 1. The Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands shall have the administrative control and management of all matters affecting the internal operations of the court.

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall appoint and employ its Reporter, Clerk, and such officers, subordinate officials and other employees, as, in the opinion of the court, may from time to time be necessary, at salaries to be determined by the court; provided that in no case shall the total amount of such salaries exceed the total amount appropriated therefor by law; to make and approve or direct the making and approval of all appointments, promotions, reductions, deductions from pay, suspensions without pay, transfers and allowances of leaves of absence and vacations of such officers, subordinate officials, clerks and other employees; and by resolution of the court to remove any person so employed for cause: *Provided, nevertheless,* That except as to the appointment and compensation of the Reporter Clerk, and such private secretaries to the individual justices as the court may authorize, all such appointments, promotions, reductions, deductions from pay, suspensions without pay, transfers and allowances of leaves of absence and vacations shall be made or approved in conformity with the provisions of the Civil Service Act and its Rules, and of the general provisions of law touching the appointments, promotions, transfers, leaves of absence and vacations of such employees.

SEC. 3. Appropriations for the Supreme Court for all purposes, Disbursements, including salaries and wages, accrued leaves of absence, and contingent expenses shall be disbursed by an officer or agent designated or appointed by resolution of the court for that purpose, or in the event that no such officer or agent has been thus designated or appointed, by the officer or agent designated to disburse appropriations for the Bureau of Justice; and all such disbursements must be made with the approval of the Chief Justice, or in the event of his death, disability or absence of one of the Associate Justices whom the court, by resolution, may designate for that purpose.

SEC. 4. Ill any case wherein the approval of any administrative officer has heretofore been required by law as to any matter included within the administrative management and control of the Supreme Court, approval by the Chief Justice, or in the event of his death, disability or absence in such other manner as the court, by resolution, may adopt for that purpose, is hereby substituted for such approval and shall be sufficient for the purpose or purposes for which such approval has heretofore been required.  
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