

[Act No. 1937, May 20, 1909]

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION FIVE OF ACT NUMBERED EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE, ENTITLED "AN ACT AMENDING ACT NUMBERED TOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX, ENTITLED 'THE LAND REGISTRATION ACT,' AND OTHER ACTS RELATING-THERETO, TO GIVE GREATER FACILITIES FOR OBTAINING TITLES AND THE REGISTRATION OF PROPERTY IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE THOUSAND PESOS FOR THE JUDICIARY AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS FOR THE BUREAU OF LANDS TO MEET THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES INVOLVED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," BY PROVIDING THAT THOSE WHO HAVE PRACTICED THEIR PROFESSION OF SURVEYOR IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS PRIOR TO JUNE FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINE, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, SHALL BE AUTHORIZED BY THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS TO MAKE SURVEYS FOR THE COURT OF LAND REGISTRATION WITHOUT EXAMINATION, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF FEES THE PAYMENT WHEREOF IS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN OF ACT NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX, AS AMENDED BY SECTION SEVEN OF ACT NUMBERED SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHT, EXCEPT THE FEES OF THE SHERIFF AND THE REGISTRAR OF PROPERTY, ON ALL PROPERTY NOT EXCEEDING FIVE HUNDRED PESOS IN VALUE, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section five of Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and seventy-five is hereby amended io read as follows:

"SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of private surveyors who make surveys, maps, or plats of property for which registration of title is requested to comply with the requirements of the preceding section and to promptly send their reports, surveys, maps, and plats of such property to the Bureau of Lands for verification. Private surveyors shall not be authorized to make surveys for the Court of Land Eegistration unless they shall have passed either a civil-service examination or an examination by the Bureau of Lands for the purpose of determining their qualifications: *Provided, however,* That surveyors with an academic diploma issued by a duly established university, college, or school, who have practiced their profession in the Philippine Islands prior to June first, nineteen hundred and nine, shall be authorized by the Director of Lands to make surveys for the Court of Land Registration without the necessity of passing the examination provided by this section: *Provided, however,* That aulhority to make surveys may be denied, subject to appeal to the committee named in the next succeeding proviso of this section, if it appears that the holder of such diploma has made plans or surveys for the Court of Land Registration which were defective, incorrect or substantially erroneous. All surveys and plans, made by private surveyors under said