

[**Act No. 1558, October 31, 1906**]

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MUNICIPALITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF SAMAR FROM TWENTY-FIVE, AS ESTABLISHED BY ACT NUMBERED NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY, TO THIRTY-TWO.

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

SECTION 1. The twenty-five municipalities of the Province of Samar as established by Act Numbered Nine hundred and sixty, as amended, are hereby increased to thirty-two by separating the former municipality of Tarangnan and its barrios from the municipalities of Catbalogan and Gandara, the former municipality of San Antonio from the municipality of Allen, the former municipality of I'xibon I'roni the municipality of Catarman, the former municipalities of Paric, Sulat, and San Julian from the municipality of Taft and the former municipality of Santa Rita from the of Basey and Villareal, reconstituting Tarangnan, Bobon, Paric, Sulat, San Julian, and Santa Rita as each consisting of the territory of which it was constituted prior to the passage of Act Numbered Nine hundred and sixty, and providing that the municipalities of Catbalogan, Gandara, Allen, Catarman, Taft, Basey, and Villareal shall each consist its present territory minus the territory of the municipality separated from it by this Act. The municipality of Paric hereafter shall be known as the municipality of Dolores.

SEC. 2. The municipal elections for the reconstituted municipalities of Tarangnan, San Antonio, Bobon, Dolores, Sulat, San Julian, and Santa Rita shall be held at the time of the next regular municipal elections in the Province of Samar in accordance with the rules contained in Act Numbered Seven hundred and thirty, as amended by Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-eight, but the officers thus elected shall not take office nor shall the said reconstituted municipalities come into existence until the first Monday in January following paid elections. The changes herein provided . officials in remain municipalities for shall in no way interfere with the number of officers to be elected or with the holding in the regular manner of the municipal elections in the municipalities of Catbalogan, Gandara, Allen, Catarman, Taft, Basey, and Villareal, unless through the operation of this Act the class of any such municipality, as fixed under section four of the Municipal Code, is raised or lowered, in which case the number of councilors elected shall be as prescribed in Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and thirty-three.

SEC. 3. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the passage of the same is hereby expedited in accordance with section two of "An Act prescribing the order of procedure by the Commission in the enactment of laws," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, October 31, 1906.
