

[ Act No. 1113, April 11, 1904 ]

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL CIVIL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE NON-CHRISTIAN TRIBES OF THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AND AMENDING ACT NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED AND TEN BY PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR OF ISABELA.**

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

SECTION 1. Whereas the non-Christian tribes of the Province of Isabela have not progressed sufficiently in civilization to make it practicable to bring them under any form of municipal government, the provincial governor is authorized, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, in dealing with these non-Christian tribes to appoint officers from among them, to fix their designations and badges of office, and to prescribe their powers and duties: *Provided*, That the powers and duties thus prescribed shall not be in excess of those conferred upon township officers by Act Numbered Three hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An Act providing for the establishment of local civil government in the townships and settlements of Nueva Vizcaya."

SEC. 2. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the provincial governor is further authorized, when he deems such a course necessary in the interest of law and order, to direct members of such tribes to take up their habitation on sites on unoccupied public lands to be selected by him and approved by the provincial board. Members of such tribes who refuse to comply with such directions shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned for a period not exceeding sixty days.

SEC. 3. The constant aim of the governor shall be to aid the non-Christian tribes of his province to acquire the knowledge and experience necessary for successful local popular government, and his supervision and control over them shall be exercised to this end, and to the end that law and order and individual freedom shall be maintained.

SEC. 4. When in the opinion of the provincial board of Isabela any settlement of non-Christian tribes has advanced sufficiently to make such a course practicable, it may be organized, under the provisions of sections one to sixty-seven, inclusive, of Act Numbered Three hundred and eighty-seven, as a township, and the geographical limits of such township shall be fixed by the provincial board.

SEC. 5. Section two of Act Numbered Two hundred and ten, entitled "An Act extending the provisions of the Provincial Government Act and its amendments to the Province of Isabela," as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the second paragraph thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "For the provincial governor, two thousand four hundred dollars."

SEC. 6. 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.