

[ Act No. 1153, May 11, 1904 ]

**AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN DUTIES IN RELATION TO THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE AND THE BUREAU OF THE INSULAR TREASURY, NOW REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PERFORMED BY THE CIVIL GOVERNOR, SHALL BE PERFORMED BY THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE AND JUSTICE.**

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

SECTION 1. The following administrative acts relating to the Bureau of Justice and to the Bureau of the Insular Treasury, now authorized by law to be performed by the Civil Governor, shall hereafter be performed by the Secretary of Finance and Justice:

- a. To request or direct a judge of any Court of First Instance to hold the Court of First Instance in any province as provided by section fifty-two of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six.
- b. To approve the appointments of clerical assistants, translators, interpreters, stenographers, and typewriters, and to approve the compensation of such assistants, as provided in paragraph (c) of section forty-seven of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended by Act Numbered Three hundred and twenty-five.
- c. To direct, in writing, any judge at large to perform the duties of a judge of the Court of First Instance in any province in the Islands or of the city of Manila, as provided in section three of Act Numbered Three hundred and ninety-six.
- d. To direct judges of the Court of Customs Appeals to perform the duties of judges of the Courts of First Instance in any province in the Philippine Islands, or in the city of Manila, as provided in section three of Act Numbered Eight hundred and sixty-four.
- e. To direct the Attorney-General to present to the Court of First Instance having territorial jurisdiction over the place in which a crime was committed, for which a person has been duly convicted by provost courts or a military commission, properly confirmed by order of the military commander, in cases where the lawful judgments and sentences have not been executed and can not be executed, a record of the proceedings showing the conviction and sentence of the defendant in such proceedings and the confirmation thereof when necessary, and praying that the defendant be brought before the court, to show cause why the sentence as disclosed by the record of the proceedings should not be executed by order of the Court of First Instance, as provided in Act Numbered Eight hundred and sixty-five.
- f. To make special calls upon judges at large during the court vacation, as provided in paragraph (b) of section five of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended by Act Numbered Eight hundred and sixty-seven.
- g. To issue an order naming the judge of the Supreme Court and the judges of all Courts of First Instance who shall remain on duty, subject to call, for the