

[Act No. 1239, October 05, 1904]

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NUMBERED EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AMEND ACT NUMBERED THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE, KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIVE ACT, BY CHANGING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COURT OF CUSTOMS APPEALS, PROVIDING FOR APPEALS IN CRIMINAL CAUSES AND FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPEAL IN OTHER CUSTOMS CASES WHERE THERE IS A DIVISION OF OPINION BETWEEN THE JUDGES OF THE COURT, AND SPECIFYING POWERS OF COLLECTORS OF CUSTOMS IN CASES OF FINE AND FORFEITURE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," SO THAT A JUDGE OF THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE MAY BE DIRECTED BY THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE AND JUSTICE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF A JUDGE OF THE COURT OF CUSTOMS APPEALS.

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

SECTION 1. Section three of Act Numbered Eight hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An Act to amend Act Numbered Three hundred and fifty-five, known as the Philippine Customs Administrative Act, by changing the membership of the Court of Customs Appeals, providing for appeals in criminal causes and for certificates of appeal in other customs cases where there is a division of opinion between the judges of the court, and specifying powers of collectors of customs in cases of fine and forfeiture, and for other purposes," is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following words: "Any judge of a Court of First Instance may be directed in writing by the Secretary of Finance and Justice to perform the duties of a judge of the Court of Customs Appeals in case there is a vacancy in the office of judge of the Court of Customs Appeals, or a judge thereof is disqualified, or is absent from his post of duty by reason of disability or otherwise. The judge of the Court of First Instance so directed is hereby authorized to perform all the duties of a judge of the Court of Customs Appeals until the direction given for him so to act shall be withdrawn, and his acts shall be in all respects as valid and lawful as though performed by a regular judge of the Court of Customs Appeals."

SEC. 2. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, 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. 3. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, October 5, 1904.



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