

[Act No. 584, January 08, 1903]

AN ACT CREATING THE BUREAU OF ENGINEERING.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created under the Department of Commerce and Police the Bureau of Engineering, which shall have charge of any reconnoissances, examinations, surveys of river and harbor improvements, the construction of sewers, waterworks, and other public works requiring engineering skill, except the construction of public buildings, directed by law to be done on behalf of the Insular Government: *Provided*, That with respect to the port works of Manila the Bureau of Engineering shall exercise advisory powers only. It shall examine the location surveys and the plans and specifications for the construction of every railroad authorized to be built in the Philippine Islands, and shall make report to the Secretary of Commerce and Police as to the sufficiency of such surveys, plans, and specifications, and the practicability and utility of the proposed railroad. It shall also have general supervision and direction of the provincial supervisors in so far as relates to the laying out and construction of roads and bridges or other engineering works.

SEC. 2. There shall be a chief of the Bureau of Engineering who shall be denominated Consulting Engineer to the Commission. He shall be appointed by the Civil Governor, by and with the consent of the Commission, and shall be paid at the rate of four thousand five hundred dollars per annum, for the first six months, and five thousand dollars per annum thereafter. In addition to his other duties as head of the bureau, it shall be the duty of the Consulting Engineer to the Commission to advise the Civil Governor, the Secretary of Commerce and Police, and the Commission upon all matters pertaining to engineering work as to which his advice may be desired. There shall also be appointed by the Civil Governor, by and with the consent of the Commission, one principal assistant engineer at a salary of three thousand five hundred dollars per annum, and one chief of supervisors at a salary of three thousand dollars per annum.

SEC. 3. Authority is hereby given for the appointment by the Consulting Engineer, with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, of the following employees in the Bureau of Engineering: One chief draftsman, class five; one chief clerk, class six; one assistant engineer, class seven; one clerk, class nine; one clerk, class ten; one draftsman, Class D; one messenger, Class K. Further authority is hereby given for the temporary employment, at salaries ranging from six hundred dollars to two thousand four hundred dollars, per annum, of such additional assistant engineers, draftsmen, surveyors, and employees, with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, as may be necessary from time to time to accomplish authorized work, such employment not to exceed an aggregate expenditure of six thousand dollars per annum. All employees of the Bureau, except those appointed by the Civil Governor with the consent of the Commission, shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Act.

SEC. 4. The officers and employees of the Bureau when absent on duly from the city of Manila, or from the headquarters to which they have been assigned, shall be allowed their actual and necessary traveling expenses and actual subsistence