

[Act No. 575, January 03, 1903]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING JUDGES OF COURTS OF FIRST INSTANCE AND JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT HOLDING A SESSION, SPECIAL OR GENERAL, OF THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE OF ANY PROVINCE TO PREPARE AND SIGN JUDGMENTS IN THE CASES TRIED BY THEM OUTSIDE OF THE PROVINCE WHERE SUCH SESSIONS WERE HELD.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever a judge of a Court of First Instance or a justice of the Supreme Court shall hold a session, special or general, of the Court of First Instance of any province, and shall thereafter leave the province in which the court was held without having entered judgment in all the cases which were heard at such session, it shall be lawful for him, if the case was heard and duly argued or an opportunity given for argument to the parties or their counsel in the proper province, to prepare his judgment after he has left the province and to send the same back properly signed to the clerk of the court, to be entered in the court as of the day when the same was received by the clerk in the same manner as if the judge had been present in court to direct the entry of the judgment: *Provided, however,* That no judgment shall be valid unless the same was signed by the judge while within the jurisdiction of the Philippine Islands. Whenever a judge shall prepare and sign his judgment beyond the jurisdiction of the court of which it is to be a judgment, he shall inclose the same in an envelope and direct it to the clerk of the proper court and send the same by registered mail.

SEC. 2. In every case in which judgment is entered in the Court of First Instance of a province by direction of a judge not in the province at the time, under the provisions of section one hereof, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the court at once to notify the parties to the suit or their counsel of the nature of the judgment by personal notice in writing or registered mail, and in such case the time within which the parties shall be required to take their exceptions to the judgment for the preservation of their rights of appeal shall be extended twenty days from the date of the receipt of notice from the clerk.

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, January 3, 1903.



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