

[Act No. 618, February 06, 1903]

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE, PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT OF AN INSULAR CONSTABULARY AND FOR THE INSPECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE, BY PROVIDING FOR FIVE INSTEAD OF FOUR ASSISTANT CHIEFS OF CONSTABULARY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section five of Act Numbered One hundred and seventy-five, providing for the organization and government of an Insular Constabulary and for the inspection of the municipal police, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. The offices of first, second, third, fourth, and fifth assistant chiefs of Constabulary are hereby created, the incumbents of which offices shall be appointed by the Civil Governor by the with the consent of the Commission Assistant chiefs not detailed from the Army of the United States as provided in the Act of Congress approved January thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three, shall each be paid an annual salary of two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars. One of the assistant chiefs shall be appointed by the Civil Governor as chief supply officer of the Philippines Constabulary and his duties shall be determined by the Chief of Constabulary. Assistant chiefs of Constabulary shall report to the Chief of Constabulary and shall be under his general supervision and direction. Subject to such supervision and direction, they shall all the power and be required to perform all the duties of the Chief of Constabulary in their respective spheres. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Constabulary to divide the provinces of the Philippine Islands into as many Constabulary districts as he may deem necessary, not exceeding five, such districts to be as nearly equal in size and population as may be, and he shall assign an assistant chief to each of said districts. The Chief of Constabulary may, in his discretion, change the territorial limits of such districts and may change such assistant chief from one district to another or detail said assistant chiefs upon such duty as the public interests may require. In the event of the temporary absence of the Chief of Constabulary or his inability from any cause to perform the duties of his office, the same shall be performed by the assistant chief highest in rank available for that purpose. Assistant chiefs (not Army officers) may be given in their appointment such grade or rank in the Philippines Constabulary, not exceeding that of lieutenant-colonel, as to the appointing power may seem proper."

SEC. 2. 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. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.