

[Act No. 993, November 17, 1903]

AN ACT REDUCING THE SEVENTEEN MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PROVINCE OF MASBATE TO THIRTEEN.

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

SECTION 1. The seventeen municipalities of the Province of Masbate shall, in accordance with the provision of this Act, be reduced to thirteen, as follows:

1. The municipality of Masbate shall consist of its present territory and that of the municipality of Magdalena, with the seat of the municipal government at the present municipality of Masbate.
2. The municipality of Milagros shall consist of its present territory and that of the municipality of Malbug, with the seat of the municipal government at the present municipality of Milagros.
3. The municipality of Aroroy shall consist of the territory comprised in the present municipalities of San Agustin and Baleno, with the seat of the municipal government at the present barrio of Aroroy in the municipality of San Agustin.
4. The municipality of San Pascual shall consist of its present territory and that of the municipality of Claveria, with the seat of the municipal government at the present municipality of San Pascual.
5. The municipality of Dimas-Alang shall consist of the territory of the present municipality of Palanas, with the seat of the municipal government at the barrio of Naro in the present municipality of Palanas.
6. The municipalities of Mobo, Uson, Cataingan, Placer, Pulanduta, Mandaon, San Jacinto, and San Fernando shall preserve their present boundaries.

SEC. 2. The municipal elections in each of the new municipalities created in paragraphs one, two, three, and four of section one of this Act shall be held in accordance with the rules contained in Act Numbered Seven hundred and thirty, as amended by Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-eight. When the new municipal officials shall have been elected and shall have qualified, the present organizations in the territory embraced in the new municipalities shall be thereby abolished and all offices held by virtue of their present organization shall be vacant and abolished, so that all the present municipal officials therein shall cease to hold office as soon as the new officials shall have taken the oath of office. Until the officials elected for the new municipalities, as described in section one hereof, shall have qualified, the present organization of the existing municipalities shall continue.

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.