

[Act No. 445, August 08, 1902]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVIL GOVERNMENTS IN THE SETTLEMENTS OF THE NON-CHRISTIAN TRIBES OF THE PROVINCE OF ABRA.

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

SECTION 1. The provisions of Act Numbered Eighty-three, entitled "A general Act for the organization of provincial governments in the Philippine Islands," and all Acts amendatory thereof, of Act Numbered Two hundred and six, extending the provisions of the Provincial Government Act and its amendments to the Province of Abra, and of Act Numbered Eighty-two, entitled "A general Act for the organization of municipal governments in the Philippine Islands," and all Acts amendatory thereof, shall not apply to the non-Christian tribes of the Province of Abra. The powers and duties prescribed for the provincial governor, the provincial secretary-treasurer, the provincial supervisor, the provincial fiscal, and the provincial board of Nueva Vizcaya, respectively, by Act Numbered Three hundred and thirty-seven, entitled "An Act providing for the organization of a provincial government in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya," by Act Numbered Three hundred and eighty-eight amendatory thereof, and by Act Numbered Three hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An Act providing for the establishment of local civil governments in the townships and settlements of Nueva Vizcaya," are hereby conferred upon the provincial governor, the provincial treasurer, the provincial supervisor, the provincial fiscal, and the provincial board of the Province of Abra with reference to the non-Christian tribes of that province.

SEC. 2. The provisions of sections one to sixty-seven, inclusive, of Act Numbered Three hundred and eighty-seven are hereby made applicable to the settlements of Manabo, San Andres, Villa Viciosa, Patoc, and Mayabo, in the Province of Abra.

SEC. 3. The provincial board shall definitely fix the limits of the settlements mentioned in section two, and shall further fix the limits of such additional settlements as it may deem desirable in order to include as nearly as may be all the members of the tribe known as Tinguianes resident in the Province of Abra; and the provisions of sections one to sixty-seven, inclusive, of Act Numbered Three hundred and eighty-seven shall become applicable to each such settlement as soon as its limits have been fixed by the provincial board.

SEC. 4. The provisions of sections sixty-eight to seventy-one, inclusive, of Act Numbered Three hundred and eighty-seven are hereby made applicable to the remaining members of non-Christian tribes in the Province of Abra not included within the limits of any one of the settlements provided for in sections two and three of this Act.

SEC. 5. 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. 6. This Act shall take effect on its passage.