

[Act No. 450, September 01, 1902]

AN ACT MAKING THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA A SEPARATE JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE THEREIN.

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

SECTION 1. The Province of Nueva Vizcaya is hereby detached from the First Judicial District and made a separate judicial district, under the name of the Judicial District of Nueva Vizcaya; and so much of section one of Act Numbered One hundred and forty, defining the judicial districts of the Philippine Islands, as makes the Province of Nueva Vizcaya a part of the First Judicial District is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. The governor of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya is hereby authorized and directed to exercise within that province all the powers of a judge of the Court of First Instance as provided by law. without additional compensation. The procedure in the Court of First Instance in that province shall be the same as in the Court of First Instance in other provinces, and its process, judgments, decrees, and records shall be of the same effect and validity as are process, judgments, decrees, and records of other Courts of First Instance. The decrees and judgments of that court shall be subject to review by the Supreme Court upon appeal or bill of exceptions, or otherwise, in the same manner as are decrees and judgments of other Courts of First Instance. Process of the Court of First Instance shall be served by the governor, acting as an officer of the court, as in other provinces, or by any member of the Philippines Constabulary, or by a deputy appointed by the governor, as he may elect.

SEC. 3. The provincial secretary-treasurer for the Province of Nueva Vizcaya shall perform the duties of clerk of the Court of First Instance of the Judicial District of Nueva Vizcaya, without additional compensation. His duties and powers as clerk shall be the same as those of clerks of Courts of First Instance in other provinces. So much of section one of Act Numbered One hundred and fifty-one as provides a salary for the clerk of the Court of First Instance of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya is hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. 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. 5. This Act shall take effect on October first, nineteen hundred and two.

Enacted, September 1, 1902.

