

[Act No. 546, December 04, 1902]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A POPULAR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TINGUIANES RESIDENT IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA.

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

SECTION 1. On the first day of January of each year the presidents of the several Tinguiane rancherias of the Province of Abra shall assemble at the capital of the province to meet and confer with the provincial governor. At this time they shall have the right to elect a popular representative of the Tinguianes of the Province of Abra, who shall be chosen by a majority vote of all the presidents present, and who may or may not be a resident of the province.

SEC. 2. If the Tinguiane residents of the province shall at any time feel themselves to be seriously aggrieved, and shall be unable to obtain relief from the provincial governor, it shall be the duty of the popular representative, either in person or by written communication, to lay their case directly before the Chief Executive of the Insular Government. All official communication from the popular representative to the Chief Executive shall be promptly transmitted by the Government officials through whose hands they may pass. Should the popular representative desire to visit Manila on official business, his journey shall be facilitated by all Government officials with whom he may come in contact. He shall in all cases, except treason, felony, and breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest at any time when arrest will interfere with discharging the duties of his office, and for any communication or statement which he may make to the Chief Executive he shall not be held to account by any official, whether civil or military.

SEC. 3. Under no circumstances shall the traveling or other expenses of the popular representative, or any compensation to him, form a charge on the treasuries of the townships or on any one of them or on the provincial or insular treasuries.

SEC. 4. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the passage of the same is hereby section two of "An Act prescribing the order of procedure by the Commission in the enactment of law," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

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

Enacted, December 4, 1902.



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