

[Act No. 168, July 16, 1901]

AN ACT MAKING ELIGIBLE TO CIVIL OFFICE IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS PERSONS NOT NATURALIZED AS CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE HONORABLY DISCHARGED SOLDIERS OR SAILORS OF THE ARMY OR NAVY OF THE UNITED STATES.

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

SECTION 1. The conditions of eligibility to civil office in the Philippine Islands are hereby amended so that any person who has taken the oath of allegiance to the United States and served as a member of the Army or Navy of the United States, and has been honorably discharged therefrom, shall be eligible to civil office in the Philippine Islands, as if he were a legally naturalized citizen of the United States.

SEC. 2. The appointments to civil office prior to the passage of this Act of all persons who by section one hereof are rendered eligible to civil office, are hereby made lawful from the date of said appointments, and all official acts of such appointees are hereby declared to be valid as acts of officers both *de jure* and *de facto*.

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.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, July 16, 1901.



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