

[Commonwealth Act No. 545, May 26, 1940]

AN ACT AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES OF FIRST INSTANCE, TO REGROUP SOME OF THE PROVINCES FOR JUDICIAL PURPOSES, AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR.

Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION. 1. The third, fourth, fifth, sixth and ninth paragraphs of section one hundred and fifty-four of the Administrative Code, as amended by Commonwealth Acts Numbered One hundred and forty-five and Three hundred and forty-eight, are further amended so as to read as follows:

"Seven judges shall be commissioned for the Third Judicial District. Two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Nueva Ecija; two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Pampanga; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Tarlac; and two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Bulacan.

"Eleven judges shall be commissioned for the Fourth Judicial District. Nine judges, with residence in the City of Manila, and who shall be known as judges of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Branches, respectively, shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Manila and Palawan, and two judges shall preside, over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Rizal.

"Seven judges shall be commissioned for the Fifth Judicial District. Two judges, with permanent residence in Tayabas, shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of the Provinces of Tayabas and Marinduque; Two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Cavite; two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Laguna, and another judge, with residence in the Province of Batangas, shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Batangas and Mindoro.

"Five judges shall be commissioned for the Sixth Judicial District, two shall preside over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Camarines Sur; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Camarines Norte; one judge, with residence in the Province of Albay, shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Albay and Catanduanes; and another, with residence in the Province of Sorsogon, shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Sorsogon and Masbate.

"Five judges shall be commissioned for the Ninth Judicial District. One judge, with residence in the Province of Zamboanga, shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of the Provinces, of Zamboanga and Sulu; one judge, with residence in the Province of Sulu shall preside over the