

**[Commonwealth Act No. 384, September 05,
1938]**

AN ACT TO AMEND SEVERAL SECTIONS OF ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO ENTITLED "AN ACT CREATING A PUBLIC CORPORATION DENOMINATED THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT, PRESCRIBING ITS FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", AS AMENDED BY ACT NUMBERED FORTY-HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE AND BY COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED SIXTY.

Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. Subsections (g) and (i) of section two of Act Numbered Twenty-eight hundred and thirty-two, as amended by Act Numbered Forty hundred and seventy-nine, are further amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. *Powers and general functions of the District.* The powers, functions, and activities of the Metropolitan Water District of Manila shall be the following:

"(g) To construct all such storm drains as may be needed in the City of Manila and requested by the City, and to maintain and operate all existing drains, the City of Manila to appropriate sufficient funds for this purpose: *Provided, however,* That should the National Government set aside any sum or sums for the improvement of the drainage system of the City of Manila, such sum or sums shall constitute a special fund of the District to be disbursed subject to the approval of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications.

"(i) To acquire, purchase, hold, transfer, sell, lease, rent, mortgage, encumber, and otherwise dispose of real and personal property, including rights and franchises, within or without the Metropolitan Water District, as authorized by the purpose for which the district was created and reasonably and necessarily required for the transaction of the lawful business of the same, unless otherwise provided in this Act. When real property belonging to the private domain of the Commonwealth of the Philippines is needed by the Metropolitan Water District for its purposes and uses, the President of the Philippines may execute in favor of the District, a proper conveyance thereof by way of sale, lease, exchange, or otherwise, and upon such terms as shall seem to him most convenient."

SEC. 2. Paragraph four of section four of Act Numbered Twenty-eight hundred and thirty-two, as amended by Act Numbered Forty hundred and seventy-nine, is further amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. First meeting of the District Board; 'quorum'; votes necessary, in general, for adopting resolutions; appeal; per diem and compensation of members; secretary of the board and his salary.—The members of the Board shall receive their necessary expenses while attending the meetings of the Board, which shall not exceed the sum of five pesos per day for each member: *Provided,* That in addition to the foregoing per