

[Commonwealth Act No. 68, October 23, 1936]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN OFFICER TO ACT AS PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES UNDER SECTIONS SEVEN AND NINE, ARTICLE VII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. When neither the President-elect nor the Vice President-elect shall have qualified, as provided in section seven, Article VII of the Constitution, or in the event of removal, death, resignation or inability, both of the President and Vice President, as stated in section nine, Article VII of the Constitution, the National Assembly shall forthwith convene and elect, by a majority vote of all its Members, the person or officer who shall act as President until the President-elect or the Vice President-elect shall have qualified, the inability removed, or a President shall have been elected. When the vacancy in the office of President and Vice President shall become permanent, the National Assembly shall determine by resolution whether or not a special election shall be held to elect a President. The call for the National Assembly to convene as herein provided may be made by the Speaker, or the Secretary, or twenty-five Members thereof.

SEC. 2. In any of the events mentioned in section one hereof, pending the election of an acting President by the National Assembly, a Department Secretary, in the order of rank established in the Administrative Code, will perform the duties of temporary President.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on its approval.

Approved, October 23, 1936.



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