

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6608, October 23, 1972]

**AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT
NUMBERED FIFTY-NINE HUNDRED AND SIX, KNOWN AS THE
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

SECTION 1. Section seven of Republic Act Numbered Fifty-nine hundred and six is hereby amended to read as follows;

"SEC. 7 *The City Mayor.*—The City Mayor shall be the chief executive of the city. He shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city and shall hold office for a term of four years. He shall receive a compensation of not less than twelve thousand six hundred pesos *per annum* and shall be entitled in addition to his salary, to a commutable allowance of not exceeding six thousand pesos *per annum*. No person shall be eligible for election as City Mayor, unless he is not less than thirty years of age, a resident of the city for the last two years prior to his election and a qualified voter therein."

SEC. 2. Section eight of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. *The City Vice-Mayor.*—There shall be a City Vice Mayor who shall be chosen in the same manner as the City Mayor, and shall possess the same qualifications as that of the City Mayor. He shall perform the duties, and exercise the powers of the City Mayor in the event of the death, sickness, absence or other temporary incapacity of the incumbent or in the event of permanent vacancy in the position of the City Mayor. If, for any reason the City Vice Mayor is temporarily incapacitated in the performance of the duties of the City Mayor, or said office of the City Vice Mayor is vacant, the duties and powers of the City Mayor shall be performed and exercised by the councilor who obtained the highest number of votes during the election for members of the City Council. The City Vice-Mayor shall be the presiding officer of the City Council, with no right to vote except in case of tie and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the City Mayor or prescribed by law or ordinance. He shall receive a compensation of not less than seven thousand eight hundred pesos *per annum*."

"The Vice Mayor whenever he is designated as Acting Mayor or any other elective official designed by the Mayor as Acting Mayor shall receive compensation equivalent to the salary of the Mayor during the inclusive period thereof."

SEC. 3. The first paragraph of Section ten of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 10. *Secretary of the City Mayor.*—The City Mayor shall appoint a Secretary who shall hold office at the pleasure of the City Mayor. He shall have the rank of a department head and shall perform such duties as are required of heads of departments of the city government as provided for in Section eighteen thereof. He shall receive a salary, allowances and privileges equivalent of a department head of the city government."

SEC. 4. The first paragraph of Section thirteen of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 13. *The Secretary of the City Council.*—The City Council shall have a secretary who shall be appointed by the City Mayor to serve during the term of office of the appointing officer. The compensation of the secretary shall be fixed by the City Council and shall be not less than six thousand pesos *per annum*. A vacancy in the office of the secretary shall be filled temporarily for the unexpired term by the City Mayor."

SEC. 5. The first paragraph of Section nineteen of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 19. *Appointment and Removal of Employees.*—The President of the Philippines, with the consent of the Commission on Appointments, shall appoint the city judge and auxiliary judge of the city court, the city fiscal and his two assistants, the city treasurer, the city health officer, the city engineer and the city register of deeds. Said officers shall not be suspended nor removed except in the manner and for caused provided by law."

SEC. 6. Sections twenty-one, twenty-two and twenty three of the same Act are hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 21. *The General Auditing Office.*—The Auditor General shall receive and audit all accounts of the city, in accordance with the provisions of law relating to government accounts and accounting. The city auditor shall be appointed by the Auditor General and shall receive the salary of not less than eleven thousand four hundred pesos *per annum*, one half to be paid by the national government and the other half by the city.

"He shall likewise perform the duties of auditing disbursement of national funds by the city engineer's office.

"SEC. 22. *The Bureau of Public Schools.*—The Director of Public Schools shall exercise the same jurisdiction and powers in the city as elsewhere in the Philippines. There shall be a city superintendent of schools who shall be appointed in the same manner as provided for in the appointment of division superintendent of schools. He shall have all the powers and duties in respect to the schools of the city as are vested in division superintendents in respect to schools of their division: *Provided*, That the salaries of the city superintendent of schools supervisors, principals, head teachers, teachers, and other operational expenses of the primary, intermediate, high schools, and other public schools in the city, except city barrio high schools, shall be borne by the National Government.