

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5164, June 17, 1967]

AN ACT DEFINING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE JUDICIARY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PRESCRIBING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF ITS STAFF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. In the exercise of his power of general administrative supervision over Courts of First Instance and other courts of equivalent rank and city and municipal courts, the Secretary of Justice shall be assisted by the Judiciary Division and shall:

- (1) Examine the administrative business methods and systems employed in the office of the clerks of court and other offices relating to and serving the courts, and make suggestions on necessary improvement;
- (2) Collect and compile statistical data and other information on the judicial work of the courts and on the work and other offices related to and serving the courts, and publish periodic reports with respect thereto;
- (3) Examine the state of the dockets, secure information as to the courts' need of assistance, and make suggestions or take appropriate steps to expedite litigation;
- (4) Prepare and submit budget estimates of appropriations necessary for the maintenance and operation of the judicial branch;
- (5) File requests for permission to spend funds appropriated for the judicial branch, and approve all vouchers for the expenditure of such funds;
- (6) Secure and maintain accommodations, and purchase, exchange and distribute equipment and supplies for the judges, clerks and other officers and employees of the courts supported by national appropriations;
- (7) Collect and compile statistical data and other information on the expenditures and receipts of the courts and related offices and publish periodic report;
- (8) Consult with and assist the clerks of courts and other officers and employees of the courts and offices related to and serving the courts;
- (9) Investigate complaints with respect to the operation of the courts and make such recommendations as may be appropriate;
- (10) Prepare and publish an annual report on the work of the courts and on the activities relating to court operation;

(11) Require periodic court reports with a view to keeping abreast of the docket situation and immediately detecting signs of developing congestion in particular courts;

(12) Publish and distribute a court journal for the purpose of clarifying court administration procedure and otherwise promoting the exchange of ideas on court management and operation with a view to improving the efficiency of judges; and

(13) Organize and arrange periodic convention among the court staff to promote the free and constructive discussion of court procedures.

SEC. 2. The Judiciary Division shall have a chief to be known as Judicial Superintendent who shall receive the same compensation and shall have the same rank and be entitled to the same privileges as a district judge, an assistant judicial superintendent who shall receive an annual salary of seventeen thousand pesos Range 68 (P16,860 – P20,580) and such number of judicial supervisors whose salaries are hereinafter provided, as follows:

(a) Two Senior Judicial Supervisors, each at P15,000.00 <i>per annum</i> ;	Range 65	(P14,532–P17,724)
(b) Four Senior Judicial Supervisors, each at P14,400.00 <i>per annum</i> ;	64	(P13,824–P16,860)
(c) Five Judicial Supervisors, each at P13,800.00 <i>per annum</i> ;	63	(P13,152–P16,044)
(d) Five Judicial Supervisors, each at P13,200.00 <i>per annum</i> ;	63	(P13,152–P16,044)
(e) Five Judicial Supervisors, each at P12,600.00 <i>per annum</i> ;	62	(P12,516–P15,264)
(f) Six Judicial Supervisors, each at P12,000.00 <i>per annum</i> ;	61	(P11,904–P14,532)
(g) Six Judicial Supervisors, each at P11,400.00 <i>per annum</i> ;	60	(P11,328–P13,824)
(h) Three Judicial Supervisors, each at P10,800.00 <i>per annum</i> ;	59	(P10,776–P13,152)
(i) Two Judicial Supervisors, each at P10,200.00 <i>per annum</i> ;	57	(P9,756–P11,904)
(j) Two Judicial Supervisors, each at P9,600.00 <i>per annum</i> ;	56	(P9,288–P11,328)
(k) Two Judicial Supervisors, each at P9,000.00 <i>per annum</i> ;	55	(P8,832–P10,776)

SEC. 3. The incumbent Assistant Judicial Superintendent, Senior Judicial Supervisors and Judicial Supervisors occupying positions affected by the preceding section at the time of the effectivity of this Act shall continue to occupy their respective positions and receive the salary increases herein provided without the necessity of any new appointments: *Provided*, That the present positions of legal researchers in the Judiciary Division are hereby converted into judicial supervisors and the incumbents thereof at the time of the effectivity of this Act shall occupy the highest resulting vacancies in the position enumerated in the preceding section and shall receive the