

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3081, June 17, 1961]

**AN ACT TO EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR FILING PETITIONS FOR
THE RECONSTITUTION OF RECORDS OF PENDING JUDICIAL
PROCEEDINGS DESTROYED DURING AND AFTER THE LAST
WORLD WAR.**

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

SECTION 1. The party or parties interested in any case pending in the courts the records of which have been destroyed by reason of war, rebellion, or armed revolt or by fire, flood, storm, or any other public calamity since the termination of the last world war, may file a petition for reconstitution within two years from the date of the approval of this Act.

SEC. 2. The procedure, requirements and all other incident of such reconstitution shall be governed by existing law: *Provided*, That in whatever state the case may be when the records were destroyed, the records or copies thereof salvaged by the courts or their personnel or by government offices which may have records of such cases or documents thereof shall constitute *prima facie* evidence of the records of such court.

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

Approved, June 17, 1961



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