

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2061, June 13, 1958]

AN ACT SETTING A NEW TIME LIMIT FOR THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR FREE PATENTS, FOR THE JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION OF IMPERFECT OR INCOMPLETE TITLES, AND FOR THE REOPENING OF JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS ON CERTAIN LANDS WHICH WERE DECLARED PUBLIC LANDS.

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

SECTION 1. Sections forty-five and forty-seven of Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred forty-one, otherwise known as the Public Land Act, as amended by Republic Act Numbered One hundred seven, are further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 45. The President, upon recommendation by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, shall from time to time fix by proclamation the period within which applications for free patents may be filed in the district, chartered city, province, municipality, or region specified in such proclamation, and upon the expiration of the period so designated, unless the same be extended by the President, all the land comprised within such district, chartered city, province, municipality, or region subject thereto under the provisions of this chapter may be disposed of as agricultural public land without prejudice to the prior right of the occupant and cultivator to acquire such land under this Act by means other than free patent. The time to be fixed in the entire Archipelago for the filing of applications under this chapter shall not extend beyond December thirty-one, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, except in the provinces of Agusan, Cotabato, Bukidnon, Lanao, Davao, Sulu, and Mountain Province, where the President of the Philippines shall determine or fix the time beyond which the filing of applications under this chapter shall not extend. The period fixed for any district, chartered city, province, or municipality shall begin to run thirty days after the publication of the proclamation in the *Official Gazette*. A certified copy of said proclamation shall be furnished to the Director of Lands and to the provincial board and the municipal board or city council affected, and copies thereof shall be posted on the bulletin board of the Bureau of Lands at Manila and at conspicuous places in the provincial building and the municipal building. It shall, moreover, be announced by crier in each of the barrios of the municipality."

"SEC. 47. The persons specified in the next following section are hereby granted time, not to extend beyond December thirty-one, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight within which to take advantage of the benefit of this chapter: *Provided*, That the several periods of time designated by the President in accordance with section forty-five of this Act shall apply also