[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2068, June 13, 1958]

AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER AND THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION SIXTEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE.

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

SECTION 1. Section sixteen hundred fifty-nine of the Administrative Code, as amended by Republic Act Numbered Nine hundred forty-five, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1659. Chief Officials of Office of the Solicitor General.—The Office of the Solicitor General shall have one chief to be known as the Solicitor General whose salary shall be twelve thousand pesos per annum and shall have the rank of an Undersecretary of a Department. He shall be assisted by one First Assistant Solicitor General whose salary shall be eleven thousand pesos per annum. When the Solicitor General is unable to perform his duties or in case of a vacancy in the office, the First Assistant Solicitor General shall temporarily perform the functions of said officer, or in his absence, the next Assistant Solicitor General who is senior in the service. There shall also be five Assistant Solicitors General each of whom shall receive a salary of ten thousand pesos per annum, and thirty-six Solicitors whose salaries shall be as follows:

- "(a) Six Solicitors, nine thousand pesos per annum each;
- "(b) Six Solicitors, eight thousand four hundred pesos per annum each;
- "(c) Six Solicitors, seven thousand eight hundred pesos per annum each;
- "(d) Six Solicitors, seven thousand two hundred pesos per annum each;
- "(e) Six Solicitors, six thousand six hundred pesos per annum each;
- "(f) Six Solicitors, six thousand pesos per annum each;

"The qualifications for appointment to the position of Solicitor General, the First Assistant Solicitor General and the Assistant Solicitor General shall be the same as those prescribed for Judges of Courts of First Instance, and those of Solicitors shall be the same as those prescribed for provincial fiscals, except those for Solicitors mentioned in paragraphs (e) and (f) of this section which must be actual practice of law for at least three years or having occupied a position requiring a lawyer's diploma for the same period."