

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1445, June 14, 1956**]

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CABANATUAN.

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

SECTION 1. Sections two, seven, eight, eleven, seventy-five and eighty-nine of Republic Act Numbered Five hundred twenty-six, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Cabanatuan, are amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. *Territory of the City of Cabanatuan.*—The City of Cabanatuan which is hereby created, shall comprise the present territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Cabanatuan, in the Province of Nueva Ecija. Within thirty days after the approval of this amendatory Act, the Municipal Board shall, with the approval of the proper Head of Department, divide the city into four districts which shall comprise, as far as practicable, contiguous and compact territory, with more or less the same area and population.

"The President of the Philippines may, by executive order, increase the territory of the City of Cabanatuan by adding thereto such contiguous barrios or municipalities as may be necessary and desirable in the public interest."

"SEC. 7. *The Mayor—His election and compensation.*—The Mayor shall be the chief executive of the city. He shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city during every election for provincial and municipal officials in conformity with the provisions of the Revised Election Code. No person shall be elected Mayor unless he is at least twenty-five years of age, is a qualified voter and has been a resident of the city for not less than one year prior to his election.

"He shall receive the salary provided for in Republic Act Numbered Eight hundred forty. With the approval of the proper Head of Department, the Mayor may be provided, in addition to his salary, a non-commutable allowance of not exceeding two thousand pesos *per annum.*"

"SEC. 8. *The Vice-Mayor.*—There shall be a vice-mayor who shall perform the duties of the Mayor, in the event of the sickness, absence or other temporary incapacity of the Mayor, or in the event of a definitive vacancy in the position of Mayor, until said office shall be filled, in accordance with law. He shall be elected in the same manner and shall possess the same qualifications as the Mayor. He shall receive a salary of not more than three thousand six hundred pesos *per annum.* If, for any reason, the