

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1209, April 29, 1955 ]**

**AN ACT MAKING ELECTIVE THE POSITIONS OF MAYOR, VICE-MAYOR AND COUNCILORS IN THE CITY OF ILOILO, AMENDING FOR SAID PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT, AS AMENDED.**

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

SECTION 1. Section eight of Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred fifty-eight, as amended by Republic Act Numbered Two hundred seventy-six, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. *Election and compensation.*—The Mayor shall be the chief executive of the City.

"He shall be elected by the qualified electors of the City. He shall be at least twenty-five years of age and a qualified elector of the City. He shall hold office for four years unless removed, and shall receive a salary in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act Numbered Eight hundred forty. A discretionary fund of three thousand pesos a year shall be appropriated out of the funds of the city to be placed at the disposal of the Mayor."

SEC. 2. Section eight and one-half of the same Act, as amended by Republic Act Numbered Three hundred sixty-five, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8 1/2. *The Vice-Mayor.*—There shall be a Vice-Mayor who shall be elected by the qualified electors of the City and shall hold office for a term of four years. He shall have the same qualifications as those of the Mayor. He shall act as Mayor and perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Mayor, in the event of sickness, absence, or other permanent or temporary incapacity of the Mayor and he shall, when occupying the position of Mayor, be entitled to the salary and allowances of the Mayor.

"The Vice-Mayor, when not acting as Mayor shall be *ex officio* member of the Municipal Board and shall receive a per diem of twenty pesos for each day of attendance at the session of the Board."

SEC. 3. The first paragraph of section fourteen of the same Act, as amended by Republic Act Numbered Three hundred sixty-five, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 14. *Constitution and organization of the Municipal Board.*—The Municipal Board shall be the legislative body of the city and shall consist of the City Mayor, the Vice-Mayor, who shall be *ex officio* councilor when