

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1408, September 09, 1955]

AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED TWELVE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION TWENTY-TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN AND ONE-HALF OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," AND RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE SAME CODE.

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

SECTION 1. Section two thousand two hundred nineteen of the Revised Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2219. *Duties of barrio lieutenants.*—The barrio lieutenant, or in his absence or inability the vice-barrio lieutenant who shall be the one who receives the highest number of votes in the election provided for in the next following section shall assist the councilor in the performance of his duties in such barrio, to which he is assigned. The councilor may, for cause, recommend for suspension or dismissal to the municipal council any of the members of the council from office."

SEC. 2. Section two thousand two hundred nineteen and one-half of the same Code as amended by Republic Act Numbered One thousand two hundred forty-five is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2219 ½. *Barrio Council.*—In each barrio there shall be organized the barrio council which shall be composed of a barrio lieutenant who shall be its chairman, and such number of vice barrio lieutenants as there are sitios within the barrio who shall assist the barrio lieutenant in the discharge of his duties, a councilman for livelihood, a councilman for education, and a councilman for health who in addition to their other duties, will look after the enforcement of laws, ordinances and resolutions pertaining to matters comprised within their respective offices and the promotion of the welfare of the barrio. In barrios where there are no sitios, there shall be one vice barrio lieutenant for every two hundred inhabitants. The barrio lieutenant and vice barrio lieutenants shall be elected at a meeting which shall be attended by at least one-third of all the residents of the barrio who are qualified voters. The election shall take place annually on the third Tuesday of January. The councilor of the barrio shall convoke and preside over the meeting. He shall appoint a board of inspectors and canvassers to conduct the election. Voting may be done either by open or secret ballot as one-half of the voters attending the election meeting may decide. Those who obtain the highest