

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 840, April 07, 1953]

AN ACT CLASSIFYING CHARTERED CITIES, EXCEPT MANILA, BAGUIO AND QUEZON CITIES, ACCORDING TO THEIR ANNUAL REVENUES AND FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE OFFICIALS THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. Except the Cities of Manila, Baguio and Quezon City, chartered cities are classified according to their revenues as follows:

- a. *First Class:* Those whose total annual revenue during the next preceding fiscal year amounts to one million pesos or more;
- b. *Second Class:* Those whose total annual revenue during the next preceding fiscal year amounts to seven hundred thousand pesos but less than one million pesos;
- c. *Third Class:* Those whose total annual revenue the next preceding fiscal year amounts to five hundred thousand pesos but less than seven hundred thousand pesos;
- d. *Fourth Class:* Those whose total annual revenue during the next preceding fiscal year amounts to three hundred thousand pesos but less than five hundred thousand pesos; and
- e. *Fifth Class:* Those whose total annual revenue during the next preceding fiscal year is less than three hundred thousand pesos: *Provided*, That no readjustment of classification shall be made oftener than once in five consecutive years, except in cases of the diminishing revenue when the President of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of the Office of the Local Governments, may in his discretion, order the readjustment of the classification of any city in accordance with the foregoing schedule: *Provided, further*, That for each period of five consecutive years from the date the initial classification herein provided takes effect, a general readjustment of the classification of all chartered cities shall be ordered by the President of the Philippines.

SEC. 2. Unless the corresponding charter of a city provides for higher salaries, the annual salaries of city mayors, city treasurers, city fiscals, city auditors, city health officers, city assessors, city engineers, chief of police and chiefs of fire departments, the secretary to the mayor and the secretary of the city council shall not exceed the amounts herein below fixed:

In first class cities: for city mayors, seven thousand two hundred pesos; for city treasurers, judges of the municipal courts, city fiscals, city health officers and city