

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 843, May 05, 1953 ]**

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS EIGHTY-TWO AND EIGHTY-THREE OF, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 98-A TO, REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SIX, BY RESPECTIVELY, INCREASING THE SALARIES OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AND JUDGES OF MUNICIPAL COURTS, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR VACATION AND SICK LEAVES WITH PAY, AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. Sections eighty-two and eighty-three of Republic Act Numbered Two hundred and ninety-six, entitled "The Judiciary Act of 1948", are hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 82. *Salaries of justices of the peace.*—Except as provided in the next succeeding section, justices of the peace shall receive the following salaries *per annum*:

"(a) Of circuit courts, from three thousand two hundred forty to three thousand six hundred pesos each;

"(b) In municipalities of the first class, from three thousand to three thousand one hundred twenty pesos each;

"(c) In municipalities of the second class, from two thousand six hundred forty to two thousand eight hundred eighty pesos each;

"(d) In municipalities of third class, fourth class, and fifth class and municipal districts and other places not especially provided for by law, from two thousand four hundred to two thousand five hundred twenty pesos each;

*Provided*, That the Secretary of Justice shall, with the approval of the President, fix the salary of each justice of the peace within the above limitations, taking into consideration, among other things, the number of cases docketed in his court and the accessibility and means of transportation available between the different municipalities under his jurisdiction: *Provided*, further, That when a justice of the peace is designated to act temporarily in one or more municipalities or districts in addition to his own municipality or district, he shall be entitled to the