

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 52, October 04, 1946**]

AN ACT TO REPEAL EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERED THIRTY-SEVEN, DATED THE TENTH OF MARCH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE, AND TO REVIVE, WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, SECTIONS ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE-A TO ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE-Q OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AS HEREIN AMENDED, SO AS TO RECREATE THE COURT OF APPEALS.

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

SECTION 1. Executive Order Numbered Thirty-seven, promulgated by the President of the Philippines on the tenth day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-five, pursuant to Commonwealth Act Numbered Six hundred and seventy-one, and paragraph (1) of Executive Order Numbered Three hundred and ninety-five, promulgated by the President of the Philippines on the twenty-fourth day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-one, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. Sections one hundred and forty-five-A to one hundred and forty-five-Q of the Revised Administrative Code, as inserted therein by Commonwealth Act Numbered Three and as amended by Commonwealth Acts Numbered Two hundred and fifty-nine and Four hundred and twenty-five are hereby revived with the exception of sections one, hundred and forty-five-A, one hundred and forty-five-I, one hundred and forty-five-J, one hundred and forty-five-K, and one hundred and forty-five-L, which are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 145-A. *The Court of Appeals.*—The Court of Appeals of the Philippines shall consist of a Presiding Justice and fourteen Associate Justices who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, with the consent of the Commission on Appointments of the Congress. The Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeals shall be so designated in his commission, and the other Justices of the Court shall have precedence according to the dates of their respective commissions, or when the commissions of two or more of them shall bear the same date, according to the order in which their commissions have been issued by the President of the Philippines.

"The Court of Appeals shall, as a body, sit *in banc*, but it may sit in five divisions of three Justices each. The five divisions may sit at the same time.

"SEC. 145-I. *Place of holding sessions.*—The Court of Appeals shall have its permanent office in the City of Manila. Upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Justice, with the certification of the Presiding Justice of