

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 36, March 10, 1945]

REVIVING THE REGROUPING OF PROVINCES FOR JUDICIAL PURPOSES AS PROVIDED IN ACT NO. 4007 OF THE PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE AND REPEALING COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 544 WHICH CREATES POSITIONS OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

WHEREAS, it is the prime concern of the Government to reestablish the Courts as fast as provinces are liberated from the Japanese occupation;

WHEREAS, the grouping of the provinces for judicial purposes under Act No. 4007 of the Philippine Legislature, creating twenty-six (26) judicial districts, will better serve such purpose than the regrouping of the provinces into only nine (9) judicial districts under Commonwealth Act No. 145, as amended by Commonwealth Acts Nos. 348, 545 and 661;

WHEREAS, it is expected that the number of cases to be filed with the Courts at this time will not require the number of judges as provided in Commonwealth Act No. 145, as amended by Commonwealth Acts Nos. 348, 545, and 661, and that the number of judges provided in Act No. 4007 of the Philippine Legislature will be sufficient;

WHEREAS, the present conditions do not require and justify the maintenance of the positions of district attorneys;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. Sections 2 and 4 of Commonwealth Act No. 145, Section 1 of Commonwealth Act No. 348, Sections 1 and 2 of Commonwealth Act No. 545 and Commonwealth Acts Nos. 544 and 661 are hereby repealed.
2. Sections 153, 154, 155, 156, 157 and 161 of the Revised Administrative Code, as amended by Act No. 4007 of the Philippine Legislature, are hereby revived and shall have full force and effect from the date of this Order.
3. All acts or parts of acts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed. Done at the City of Manila, this 10th day of March, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines