

[Acts No. 4195, February 01, 1935]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING IN THE PROPER COURT, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, OF CERTAIN CLAIMS OF TITLE TO PARCELS OF LAND, THAT HAVE BEEN DECLARED PUBLIC LAND, BY VIRTUE OF JUDICIAL DECISIONS RENDERED WITHIN THE FIFTEEN YEARS NEXT PRECEDING THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. All persons claiming title to agricultural parcels of land that have been the object of the cadastral proceedings, who at the time of the survey or thereafter were in actual possession of the same, but for some justifiable reason had been unable to file their claim in the proper court during the period established by law, and for such reason said parcels of land have been, or are about to be, declared land of the public domain, by virtue of judicial proceedings instituted within the fifteen years next preceding the approval of this Act, are hereby granted the right to petition within three years after the date on which this Act shall take effect, for a reopening of the judicial proceedings under the provisions of Act Numbered Twenty-two hundred and fifty-nine, as amended, but only with respect to such of said parcels of land as have not been alienated, reserved, leased, granted, or otherwise provisionally or permanently disposed of by the Government, and the competent Court of First Instance, upon receiving such petition, shall notify the Government, through the Solicitor-General, and if after hearing the parties, said court shall find that all conditions herein established have been complied with, and that all taxes, interest and penalties thereof have been paid from the time when land taxes should have been collected until the day when the motion is prescribed, it shall order said judicial proceedings reopened as if no action has been taken on such parcels.

SEC. 2. Upon the taking effect of this Act, the Solicitor-General shall cause its translation in the local dialect to be properly published through the municipal president of every town wherein the lands declared to be of public domain in a cadastral proceedings are located, which official may have it announced in the towns and barrios by public criers or published by the newspapers in said dialect of general circulation in the municipality.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on the date when the Governor-General shall, by means of a proclamation issued for said purpose, announce that this Act has been expressly or tacitly approved by the President of the United States, as provided in the Act of Congress approved on August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, entitled "An Act to declare the purpose of the people of the United States as to the future political status of the people of the Philippine Islands, and to provide a more autonomous government for those Islands."^[1]

Approved, February 1, 1935.

^[1] Declared in force by Proclamation No. 767 (1935). See Appendix, p. 401, *post*.
