

[Act No. 4007, December 05, 1932]

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND OFFICES OF THE INSULAR GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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. This Act shall be known as "The Reorganization Law of 1932."

SEC. 2. Section seventy-five of the Revised Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 75. *Executive departments.*—There shall be six executive departments, to wit: the Department of Finance, the Department of Public Instruction, the Department of Justice, the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, the Department of Public Works and Communications, and the Department of the Interior and Labor, which shall be under the direct control of the respective Secretaries of Department, exercising their functions subject to the general supervision and control of the Governor-General."

SEC. 3. Section seventy-six of the Revised Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 76. *Secretaries of departments.*—The Department of Finance shall perform its functions under the executive authority of the Secretary of Finance; the Department of Public Instruction shall perform its functions under the executive authority of the Secretary of Public Instruction; the Department of Justice shall perform its functions under the executive authority of the Secretary of Justice; the department of Agriculture and Commerce shall perform its rations under the executive authority of the Secretary of culture and Commerce; the Department of Public Works and Communications shall perform its functions under the executive authority of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications; and the Department of the Labor shall perform its functions under the Labor shall perform its functions under the executive authority of the Secretary of the Interior and Labor."

SEC. 4. Section eighty-one of the Revised Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 81. *Bureaus and offices under the Department of Finance.*—The Department of Finance shall have the executive supervision over the Bureau of Customs, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, the Bureau of the Treasury, the Bureau of Banking, the Bureau of Printing, the Division of Purchase and Supply, the Manila Harbor Board, and the Tobacco Board. It shall also have the general supervision over banks, banking transactions, coinage, currency, and except as otherwise especially provided, over all funds the investment of which may be authorized by law."

SEC. 5. Section eighty-two of the Revised Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 82. *Bureaus and offices under the Department of Public Instruction.*—The Department of Public Instruction shall have the executive supervision over the Bureau of Education, the Bureau of Health, the Bureau of Public Welfare, the Philippine General Hospital, the Bureau of Quarantine Service, and the Office of the National Physical Director."

SEC. 6. Section eighty-three of the Revised Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 83. *Bureaus and offices under the Department of Justice.*—The Department of Justice shall have the executive supervision over the Bureau of Justice, the Courts of First Instance and inferior courts, the Public Service Commission, the Bureau of Prisons, and the General Land Registration Office. It shall also have the general supervision and control of the provincial sheriffs, the provincial fiscals, and all other law officers of the Government.

"The Secretary of Justice shall be the attorney-general and legal adviser of the Government and *ex-officio* legal adviser of all government owned and controlled business enterprises. As such, he may assign to the law officers of the said business enterprises such other duties as he may see fit, in addition to their regular duties. When thereunto requested in writing, the Secretary of Justice shall give advice, in the form of written opinions, to any of the following functionaries, upon any question of law relative to the powers and duties of themselves or subordinates, or relative to the interpretation of any law or laws affecting their offices or functions, to wit: the Governor-General, the President of the Philippine Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the respective Heads of the Executive Departments, the chiefs of the organized bureaus and offices, the trustee of any government institution, and any provincial fiscal."

SEC. 7. Section eighty-four of the Revised Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 84. *Bureaus and offices under the Department of Agriculture and Commerce.*—The Department of Agriculture and Commerce shall have the executive supervision over the Bureau of Plant Industry, the Bureau of Animal Industry, the Bureau of Forestry, the Bureau of Lands, the Bureau of Science, the Bureau of Commerce, the Weather Bureau, matters pertaining to colonies and plantations on public lands, and matters concerning hunting, fisheries, sponges, and other sea products, including the issuance of licenses therefor."

SEC. 8. Section eighty-five of the Revised Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 85. *Bureaus and offices under the Department of Public Works and Communications.*—The Department of Public Works and Communications shall have the executive supervision over the Bureau of Public Works, the

Bureau of Posts, the Metropolitan Water District, the Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Division of Aeronautics, and the Division of Marine Railway and Repair Shops."

SEC. 9. Section eighty-six of the Revised Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 86. *Bureaus and offices under the Department of the Interior and Labor.*—The Department of the Interior and Labor shall have the executive supervision over the administration of provinces, municipalities, chartered cities and other local political subdivisions, the Bureau of Non-Christian Tribes, the Philippine Constabulary, the Bureau of Labor, and the Board of Censorship for Moving Pictures. It shall also have the general supervision over matters pertaining to marriage and the registration of priests and ministers."

SEC. 10. The Director of Civil Service shall be the executive officer of all boards of examiners hereinafter named and shall conduct the examinations given by any of these boards, according to rules and regulations promulgated by him and approved by the respective Department Heads. The bureau shall keep all the records of the boards of examiners, including the examination papers and the minutes of the deliberations of the boards. The director shall designate any subordinate officer of his bureau to act as secretary. Examination fees shall be paid to the officer designated by proper authority as the disbursing officer for the Bureau of Civil Service, and such officer shall pay all authorized expenses of the different boards including the compensation provided for by law for the examiners.

The Board of Accountancy, the Board of Examiners for Marine Officers, the Board of Examiners for Marine Engineers, the Board of Medical Examiners, the Board of Pharmaceutical Examiners, the Board of Dental Examiners, the Board of Optical Examiners, the Board of Examiners for Nurses, the Veterinary Examining Board, the Board of examiners for Surveyors, the Board of Examiners for Civil Engineers, the Board of Examiners for Mechanical Engineers, the Board of Examiners for Electrical Engineers, the Board of Examiners for Chemical Engineers, the Board of Examiners for Mining Engineers, and the Board of Examiners for Architects, shall each be composed of a chairman and two members, who shall be appointed by the different Secretaries of Department, as hereinbelow proved, from among persons of recognized standing in their respective professions, who shall serve for a period of one year, and who shall receive compensation not to exceed five pesos per capita of the candidates examined, as the proper Department Head may fix.

The chairman and members of the following boards shall be appointed by the Secretary of Finance:

- a. Board of Accountancy;
- b. Board of Examiners for Marine Officers; and
- c. Board of Examiners for Marine Engineers.

The chairman and members of the following boards shall be appointed by the Secretary of Public Instruction:

- a. Board of Medical Examiners;
- b. Board of Pharmaceutical Examiners;
- c. Board of Dental Examiners;

- d. Board of Optical Examiners; and
- e. Board of Examiners for Nurses.

The chairman and members of the following boards shall be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce:

- a. Veterinary Examining Board; and
- b. Board of Examiners for Surveyors.

The chairman and members of the following boards shall be appointed by the Secretary of Public Works and Communications:

- a. Board of Examiners for Civil Engineers;
- b. Board of Examiners for Mechanical Engineers;
- c. Board of Examiners for Electrical Engineers;
- d. Board of Examiners for Chemical Engineers;
- e. Board of Examiners for Mining Engineers; and
- f. Board of Examiners for Architects.

The chairmen of the boards of examiners aforementioned shall report the results of the examinations to the Director of Civil Service, who shall submit such results to the corresponding Secretary of Department, and upon approval by the Secretary of the results of the examinations, the Secretary of the Department shall issue the license or certificate entitling the person to whom it is issued to practice the profession for which he has taken the examination.

Except as modified by this Act, all laws governing examinations given by the above-mentioned boards shall continue in force.

SEC. 11. The provisions of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding, the total annual expenses of the Bureau of Banking shall be reimbursed annually to the Government by assessment levied upon all banking institutions subject to inspection by the Bank Commissioner. The proportion of expenses of the Bureau of Banking to be assessed against each such banking institution shall be the same as the proportion which its average total assets bear to the average total assets of all such banking institutions during the year in which the expenses were incurred.

SEC. 12. The Bureau of Supply is hereby abolished as a separate bureau and, except as herein otherwise provided, all the powers and duties conferred upon it by existing law shall hereafter be exercised by the Secretary of Finance, through a Division of Purchase and Supply, the chief at which shall be known as the Purchasing Agent and shall be appointed by the Governor-General with the consent of the Senate.

The Division of Purchase and Supply shall take charge of procuring and furnishing supplies under the direct order and payment system to the various offices, officials and branches of the Government and other persons entitled to make purchases through said division, the same being required for official or other lawful use: *Provided*, That provinces, cities and municipalities shall make their purchases of supplies without the intervention of the division as hereinafter provided when the needed supplies are obtainable at reasonable prices in the locality or neighboring places.

The Division of Purchase and Supply shall arrange the terms of the contract to be entered into with the local merchants in Manila or at other places for the furnishing

and delivery of supplies directly to the Government offices, provinces, cities, and municipalities, and shall prepare price lists of supplies, copies of which shall be furnished all bureaus and offices of the Government, including the governments of the provinces, municipalities, chartered cities and other local political subdivisions to be used by them as a basis for the direct purchase of supplies, either in their respective localities or in a neighboring city or town: *Provided*, That nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit any province, city or municipality or other local political subdivision from filing its requisitions for supplies with the Division of Purchase and Supply in which case the division shall forward such requisitions to the merchants concerned for the direct delivery of supplies requisitioned to the province, city or municipality, and collection of the payment thereof shall be made by the merchants direct from the requisitioning province, city or municipality.

Upon the recommendation of the Department Head and the approval of the Council of State, the Governor-General is hereby authorized to lease the government ice and cold storage plant in Manila to the highest bidder, under such terms and conditions as may be considered most advantageous to the public interests.

SEC. 13. The provisions of Act Numbered Three thousand and two, as amended, to the contrary notwithstanding, all orders, rules and regulations of the Manila Harbor Board relative to the receiving, handling, custody and delivery of merchandise on the wharves and piers of the port of Manila; the establishment of facilities for the convenience and comfort of passengers and the handling of their baggage; the fixing of the rates to be charged for such services; the appointment of personnel; and the making of appropriations of any funds under the control of the Board shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Finance.

SEC. 14. The Philippine Health Service, the Office of Public Welfare Commissioner and the Tuberculosis Commission are hereby abolished as separate bureaus or offices, and all the powers and duties heretofore exercised by them under existing laws, not inconsistent with this Act, are hereby transferred to the Bureau of Health and the Bureau Public Welfare, which are hereby created: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Public Instruction is hereby authorized to allocate said powers and duties between these two bureaus in accordance with the following general basis: those pertaining to public health, sanitation and hospitals, to the Southern Islands Hospital, should be assigned to the Bureau of Health, and those pertaining to social welfare, to the Bureau of Public Welfare.

SEC. 15 (a) There shall be in the Office of the Secretary of Public Instruction, a Commissioner of Health and Welfare with the rank and salary of Undersecretary of Department who shall, under the general supervision of the Secretary of Public Instruction, have immediate direction, supervision and control of the bureaus, offices and activities of the Department of Public Instruction relating to public health, sanitation, quarantine, hospitals, social welfare and the examining boards.

(b) The Bureau of Health, the Bureau of Public Welfare, and the Philippine General Hospital shall each have one chief, and no assistant chief, who shall be known respectively as the Director of Health, the Director of Public Welfare, and the Director of the Philippine General Hospital. Each of those officials shall be a physician of good repute and a graduate from a medical college of recognized standing, except the Director of Public Welfare who shall be a person possessed of special knowledge of social and welfare work.