

[Act No. 3899, November 16, 1931]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION TWO HUNDRED AND THREE OF ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AS AMENDED.

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. Section two hundred and three of Act Numbered Twenty-seven hundred and eleven, known as the Administrative Code, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 203. *Appointment and distribution of justices of the peace.*—One justice of the peace and one auxiliary justice of the peace shall be appointed by the Governor-General, with the advise and consent of the Philippine Senate, for the City of Baguio, and for each municipality, township, and municipal district in the Philippine Islands, and if the public interests shall so require, for any other minor political division or unorganized territory in said Islands: *Provided*, That justices and auxiliary justices of the peace shall be appointed to serve until they have reached the age of sixty-five years: *Provided, further*, That the present justices and auxiliary justices of the peace who shall, at the time this Act takes effect, have completed sixty-five years of age, shall automatically cease to hold office on January first, nineteen hundred and thirty-three; and the Governor-General, with the advise and consent of the Philippine Senate, shall make new appointments to cover the vacancies occurring by operation of this Act.

"Upon the recommendation of the Department Head, the territorial jurisdiction of any justice and auxiliary justice of the peace may be made to extend over any number of municipalities, townships, municipal districts, or other minor political divisions or places not included in the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace already appointed; and upon like recommendation of the Department Head, the Governor-General may combine the offices of justices of the peace for two or more such jurisdictions already established, and may appoint to the combined jurisdiction one justice of the peace and one auxiliary justice, at a salary not to exceed the total of the salaries of the combined positions; but in this case the appointee shall be a member of the bar of the Philippine Islands, if there be any applicant with this qualification."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect on its approval.

Approved, November 16, 1931.



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