

[Act No. 3844, November 09, 1931]

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "AN ACT CREATING A PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES AND POWERS, 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. Section one of Act Numbered Thirty-one hundred and eight as amended by Act Numbered Thirty-three hundred and sixteen is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Commission which shall be designated and known as the Public Service Commission, and which shall be vested with the powers and duties hereinafter specified. Whenever the word 'Commission' is used in any section of this Act, it shall be held to mean the Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission shall consist of one Public Service Commissioner, one Senior Associate Public Service Commissioner, and one Junior Associate Public Service Commissioner, who shall be a citizen of the United States or of the Philippine Islands, a resident of the Philippine Islands, member of the Bar of the Philippine Islands and not under thirty years of age, and who shall be appointed by the Governor-General, by and with the advice and consent of the Philippine Senate, and shall have the rank and all prerogatives and privileges and privileges of judges of First Instance and shall belong to the Judiciary of the Philippine Islands."

SEC. 2. Section two of Act Numbered Thirty-one hundred and eight, as amended by Act Numbered Thirty-three hundred and sixteen, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The Commissioners shall hold office until removed as hereinafter provided. All contested matters that may be presented before the Commission shall be heard and decided upon by the Commission in full or at least by two Commissioners, and before any Commissioner is assigned to write the decision or any resolution which affects in some way the right of the parties concerned, the matter shall be voted upon by the members of the Commission who have taken part in the direction of the case: *Provided, however,* That any one of the Commissioners may, through authority of the Commission, make all the inquiries which the Commission is empowered to undertake.

"The Commissioners may be removed from office for the following reasons: for physical incapacity, misconduct, incompetency, neglect and irregularity in the performance of their duties, or any act constituting a misdemeanor, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by section one hundred and seventy-three of Act Numbered Twenty-seven hundred and eleven, known as the Administrative Code.