

[Act No. 3626, December 05, 1929]

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF SURVEYING, CREATE A BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SURVEYORS, DEFINE ITS POWERS AND DUTIES, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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. There is hereby created a Board of Examiners for Surveyors which shall be composed of five members appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the majority of whom shall be private surveyors.

Upon their designation, the members of the Board of Examiners for Surveyors shall elect from among their number a chairman who shall be executive officer of the Board, and a secretary-treasurer. Subsequent elections of officers shall be held annually, upon the appointment of one of the members of the Board, as hereinafter provided.

The members of the Board of Examiners for Surveyors shall have the following qualifications:

- a. Be of good moral conduct;
- b. Be twenty-five years of age;
- c. Have graduated in surveying from a college, school, or university recognized by the Government or have qualified as surveyor in a Civil Service examination or before the Board of Examiners created by the Bureau of Lands, prior to the approval of this Act, and have a diploma as deputy or cadastral land surveyor;
- d. Have practised surveying either privately or in the Government service for a period of not less than five years previous to his appointment;
- e. Not be a member of the faculty of any school, college, or university recognized by the Government, teaching any branch of surveying; and
- f. Not have any pecuniary interest in any of said institutions.

SEC. 2. Each member of the Board shall hold office for three years from the date of his appointment, the terms of the first three appointees being so adjusted that one shall expire on December thirty-first of each year. Any vacancies occurring in the course of the year shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term of office only.

SEC. 3. Each person appointed member of the Board of Examiners, before entering upon the performance of the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I,, having been appointed a member of the Board of Examiners for Surveyors of the Philippine Islands, do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have been practising the profession of surveyor since the year; That I will well and truly perform the duties of my office; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Government of the United States of

America and to the Government of the Philippine Islands; and that I take this oath (or affirmation) without any mental reservation whatsoever. So help me God." This oath shall be recorded and filed in the office of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

SEC. 4. The Board of Examiners for Surveyors shall charge for each application for examination the sum of twenty-five pesos and for each certificate of registration or license to practise the sum of fifteen pesos.

The Board of Examiners shall be under the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and is hereby authorized to issue regulations governing its examinations and fixing passing grades, and, in general, all rules for the compliance of the provisions of this Act. Said rules, upon being approved by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, shall have the force of law.

SEC. 5. The secretary-treasurer of the Board shall receive from insular funds a compensation of three hundred pesos per annum and the other members of the Board shall receive, likewise from insular funds, the sum of five pesos each for each candidate for examination for registration as surveyor.

The secretary-treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board, an account book and a register of the persons to whom licenses have been issued, setting forth the name, age, marital condition, residence, post-office address, and the name of the institution in which he studied and from which he graduated. The Board of Examiners shall, during the first fifteen days of January of each year, present to the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources a detail report of all its work during the year.

SEC. 6. The Board of Examiners for Surveyors shall meet in the City of Manila for the purpose of holding examinations, on the first Tuesday not a holiday of June of each year, upon at least thirty days notice published in two of the most widely read newspapers of the capital, one in English and the other in Spanish.

The Board of Examiners shall hold three kinds of examination for the practice of surveying, to wit:

1. For isolated surveys of private land for registration purposes, public lands, topographic and hydrographic surveys, levelling, and subdivisions;
2. For cadastral surveys; and
3. For mineral surveys.

Candidates for surveyor may take these three kinds of examinations at once or separately, provided they have the following qualifications:

- a. Be twenty years of age or over;
- b. Be of good moral conduct;
- c. Have diplomas or certificates showing the holder to have completed four years of high school or their equivalent and have studied and practised the following subjects in a school, college, or university duly constituted and recognized as such by the Government, for three years: