

[Act No. 3081, March 16, 1923]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS SEVENTEEN AND EIGHTEEN OF ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE, ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING CERTAIN SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SETTLEMENT AND ADJUDICATION OF LAND TITLES," INTRODUCING CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE COLLECTION OF THE FEES OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, AND RELATIVE TO THE ASSESSMENT, APPORTIONMENT, AND MANNER OF COLLECTION OF THE COSTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS, SURVEY, AND MONUMENTING IN CADASTRAL CASES

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. The last two paragraphs of section seventeen of Act Numbered Twenty-two hundred and fifty-nine, entitled "An Act providing certain special proceedings for the settlement and adjudication of land titles," are hereby amended to read as follows:

"For the purposes of this section, the value of the property shall be its last assessed value or, in default thereof, its market value.

"The fees authorized under this section shall be payable to the register upon the delivery of the titles to the owners thereof: Provided, however, That such fees may be payable to the provincial treasurer or his deputies when these deliver said titles by delegation by the register."

SEC. 2. Section eighteen of said Act Numbered Twenty-two hundred and fifty-nine, as amended by Act Numbered Twenty-five hundred and fifty-eight, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 18. (a) One-tenth of the cost of the registration proceedings and the cadastral survey and monumenting had under this Act shall be borne by the Insular Government; one-tenth shall be paid by the province concerned, and one-tenth by the city, municipality, municipal district, township or settlement in which the land is situated, the city of Manila to be considered for this purpose, both as a province and a municipality; and the remaining seven-tenths shall be taxed by the court against each and all of the lots included in a cadastral proceeding and shall be apportioned in accordance with the area thereof, but in no case shall less than five pesos be taxed against each lot: *Provided*, That when in the judgment of the provincial board, a municipality, municipal district, township or settlement has not sufficient funds to pay this obligation, its share may be paid by the province. The amounts thus taxed against each of the lots or parcels of land shall be considered a special assessment of taxes against the respective parcels, shall constitute a first lien upon the land, and shall be collected by the Director