

[Act No. 2877, February 04, 1920]

AN ACT TO MODIFY AND ESTABLISH THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE AND THE PROVINCES OF ILOCOS SUR AND LA UNION.

Be it enacted by the Philippine Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1 The present boundary line between the Mountain Province and the Provinces of Ilocos Sur and La Union is hereby modified and fixed by moving it eastward to a location beginning approximately at the northeast corner of the present subprovince of Lepanto and running in a direction slightly southwest to the point of intersection of the present boundaries between Amburayan, Lepanto, and Benguet, thence following the present boundary between the subprovinces of Amburayan and Benguet to its intersection with the boundary line of the Province of La Union. The portion of the present subprovince of Lepanto lying east of the new boundary, line is hereby added to the subprovince of Bontoc. All territories west of said line, which include various municipal districts which commercially are naturally tributary to the seaport towns of Ilocos Sur and La Union, are hereby transferred to, and made part of, said provinces. The provincial boards of the provinces concerned need not order a survey of said boundary line but only shall cause the erection of monuments at convenient or necessary points on said line for the guidance of local officials and the public in general. To this end, the provincial boards of Ilocos Sur and La Union, or such representatives as may be duly authorized by them, shall confer with the provincial board of the Mountain Province or its duly authorized representatives with a view to locating and monumenting the boundary line herein fixed, and the line thus monumented, if approved by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be the boundary between the Mountain Province and the Provinces of Ilocos Sur and La Union.

SEC. 2. The present boundary line between the Province of La Union and the subprovince of Benguet, as established by Executive Order Numbered Eleven, series of nineteen hundred and nine, and reproduced in section forty-four of the Administrative Code of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby abolished, and all the barrios or sitios formerly belonging to La Union and annexed to the Mountain Province by said Executive Order are hereby restored to La Union.

SEC. 3. The boundary between the Provinces of Ilocos, Sur and La Union on the territory transferred to said provinces by virtue of this Act shall be the main course of the Amburayan River and the old boundary recognized by the administrative authorities prior to the annexation of said territory to the Mountain Province. The Provincial Boards of the Provinces of Ilocos Sur and La Union or their duly authorized representatives shall confer together with a view to agreeing as to the location of said old boundary and placing the necessary monuments on the boundary thus agreed upon. In case of a failure to agree, the Secretary of the Interior shall render the decision.

SEC. 4. The Provinces of Ilocos Sur and La Union shall maintain respectively the existing roads and trails and continue the policy of improvement and extension of these roads and trails and of others necessary to facilitate commerce between the