

[Act No. 2934, December 15, 1920]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SEPARATION OF THE SUBPROVINCEE OF MASBATE FROM THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AND THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE FORMER PROVINCE OF MASBATE, 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. The Governor-General is hereby authorized to reestablish as an independent province, as soon as the public interest may require it, and subject to such conditions as he may desire to impose, the former Province of Masbate, consolidated with that of Sorsogon under Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and thirteen.

SEC. 2. The Province of Masbate so reestablished shall have the same territory as before its consolidation with the Province of Sorsogon, and its capital shall be the municipality of Masbate, on the island of the same name. The provisions of the Administrative Code, in so far as they are applicable to a regularly organized province, shall apply to the Government and operation of said province and to the election and appointment of the officers thereof.

SEC. 3. The elective provincial officers of the new Province of Masbate shall, as soon as the segregation shall be ordered by the Governor-General, be appointed by said Governor-General, by and with the consent of the Senate, and shall hold office until their successors shall be duly elected and shall have qualified: *Provided, however,* That the lieutenant-governor of Masbate elected at the general election of June third, nineteen hundred and nineteen, shall perform the duties of the office of the provincial governor of the new province until his successor shall have been elected at the next general election and shall have duly qualified. The provincial officers of Masbate shall each; receive an annual compensation at the rate fixed by the provincial board, which shall not in any case exceed two thousand pesos for the provincial governor, nineteen hundred pesos for the provincial treasurer, and eighteen hundred pesos for the provincial fiscal, and for each member of the provincial board a per diem not to exceed five pesos for each session actually attended.

SEC. 4. The Province of Masbate shall have a Representative in the House of Representatives and shall continue to belong to the Sixth Senate District. The present Representative for the Second Electoral District of Sorsogon shall, during his term of office as Representative, be considered as Representative of the Province of Masbate.

SEC. 5. At the next and successive elections for the office of Representative in the Province of Sorsogon, the two electoral districts of said province shall be composed of the following municipalities: First District, of the municipalities of Prieto-Diaz, Gubat, Barcelona, Bulusan, Irosin, Matnog, Santa Magdalena, and Bulan; Second District, of the municipalities of Bacon, Sorsogon, Casiguran, Juban, Magallanes, Castilla, Pilar, and Donsol.