

[ Act No. 2572., February 04, 1916 ]

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE, IN THE INTEREST OF THE EFFICIENCY AND UNIFORMITY OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE, THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE PHILIPPINE LIBRARY, THE DIVISION OF ARCHIVES, PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS, AND TRADEMARKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU, AND THE LAW AND LIBRARY DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLY, TO FORM AN ORGANIZATION TO BE KNOWN AS "PHILIPPINE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM," UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.**

*By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the ; Philippine Legislature, that:*

**SECTION 1.** Whenever, in the judgment of the Governor-, General the requirements of the efficiency and uniformity of the public service demand it, said Governor-General is hereby authorized, subject to the limitations and powers hereinafter specified, to direct that the Philippine Library, the division of the Executive Bureau known as "division of archives, patents, copyrights, and trade-marks," and the division of the Philippine Assembly known as the law and library division," be consolidated into one Bureau, to be known as the Philippine Library and Museum. Said Philippine Library and Museum shall be placed for administrative purposes under the control of the Secretary of Public Instruction except as otherwise provided in section five of this Act.

SEC. 2. The Philippine Library and Museum shall have a Director and such assistants as may be necessary and authorized by the Governor-General, all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor-General, by and with the consent of the Upper House of the Philippine Legislature, at such compensations as may be assigned to them, to be in force and effect until otherwise provided by the Philippine Legislature.

SEC. 3. The Philippine Library and Museum shall have the following powers, duties, functions and aims:

(a) The preservation, increase, extension in Manila and the provinces, and improvement of the present Philippine Library, so that it may respond to the growing needs of the culture and the people of the Philippine Islands;

(b) The organization, preservation, equipment, and maintenance of a special administrative and legislative reference library, taking as basis the library of the Philippine Assembly and the law division of the Philippine Library, to be of aid to the several departments of the Government and especially to both Houses of the Philippine Legislature, their committees or members, in the consideration, preparation, and drafting of their bills;

(c) The acquisition, organization, preservation, administration, and increase, as the resources of the Treasury may allow, of a museum containing pictures, paintings, sculptures, portraits, photographs, maps, geographical charts, and all objects which, by reason of their archeological, artistic, scientific or commemorative value should be permanently preserved as a memento of, and out of veneration for the great men of the country, as a testimony of the national history and culture, or for the benefit