

[Act No. 2561., February 02, 1916]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION EIGHTEEN OF ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE, REORGANIZING THE MUNICIPAL POLICE, BY MAKING FINAL, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, THE DECISION OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR IN CASES OF SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF THE POLICE.

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

SECTION 1. Section eighteen of Act Numbered Twenty-one hundred and sixty-nine is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 18. Members of the municipal police shall not be removed, and except in case of resignation, shall not be discharged except for misconduct or incompetency, disloyalty to the Government, serious irregularities in the performance of their duties, and violation of the law, and in such cases charges shall be preferred and investigated by the municipal council in public hearing, and defendants shall be given an opportunity to make their defense. The municipal council may delegate its authority to a committee of three councilors designated for said purpose by a majority of the council, and it shall be the duty of said committee to submit a report in writing, together with its opinion, and the council shall make such recommendation as it may deem just to the president, who shall take whatever action may in his judgment be most in accordance with justice. His decision shall be subject to appeal to the provincial governor who, after hearing the provincial board, shall decide the case, and whose decision shall be final, except in the case of chiefs of police, who may appeal from said decision to the Governor-General.

" SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, February 2, 1916.



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