

[Act No. 2377, February 28, 1914]

AN ACT AMENDING SUBSECTION (J) OF SECTION FORTY OF ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY-TWO, AS AMENDED BY ACTS NUMBERED NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINE AND TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTY-FOUR, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALITIES ORGANIZED UNDER ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY-TWO TO FIX OR CHANGE THE DATES OF THEIR FIESTAS, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (j) of section forty of Act Numbered Eighty-two, known as the Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

" (j) To fix and change by resolution the date of the local fiesta, taking into account that in establishing the fiesta for the municipality, the council shall give preference to a date which, by reason of an important event in the municipality, the province, the Philippine Archipelago, and in general, in the history of the Philippine Islands or of the United States, may be considered memorable and worthy of being commemorated by a local fiesta, and in order to be valid, the resolution changing the date of the local fiesta established in accordance with this subsection shall be passed by two-thirds of all the members of the municipal council, and such resolution changing the date of the local fiesta already established in accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall not be passed before the expiration of five years after the fixing of the date, and a local fiesta shall not be held oftener than once in each year, and precisely on the date designated, except when for weighty reasons, such as typhoons, inundations, earthquakes, epidemics, or other public calamities the fiesta can not be held on the date fixed, in which case it may be held on another date in the same year, by resolution of the council; to regulate and permit or prohibit cockfighting and the keeping or training of fighting cocks, and to close cockpits, permitting cock-fighting in licensed cockpits on legal holidays and for a period not to exceed three days during the celebration of the local fiesta, and not permitting any card games or games of chance of any kind on the premises of the cockpits."

SEC. 2. Acts Numbered Nineteen hundred and nine and Two thousand and fifty-four of the Philippine Legislature are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

Enacted, February 28, 1914.



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