

[Act No. 2418, November 10, 1914]

AN ACT EXTENDING TO THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE THE PROVISIONS OF GENERAL LAWS PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION, JURISDICTION, PROCEDURE AND FEES OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The provisions of the general laws providing for the organization, jurisdiction, procedure, and fees for the justice of the peace courts are hereby extended and ed to-made applicable to the municipalities, townships, and unorganized districts of the Mountain Province, except as herein provided, or inconsistent with the provisions hereof.

SEC. 2. One justice of the peace and one auxiliary justice shall be appointed by the Governor-General, by and with towns the consent of the Philippine Commission, for each municipality, and may be so appointed for each township or unorganized district: *Provided, however,* That, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Finance and Justice upon the proposal to him of either the Secretary of the Interior or of the judge of first instance having jurisdiction, such appointments may be made, by and with the consent of the Philippine Commission, for districts including more than one municipality, township, or unorganized district, or for one or more subprovinces.

SEC. 3. The Governor-General may appoint, by and with the consent of the Philippine Commission, any clerk of the court in the Mountain Province, or any local officer or employee of the Insular Government, to act as ex officio justice of the peace or auxiliary justice for one or more townships, unorganized districts, or one or more subprovinces, with the exclusion, in case of the latter, of the municipalities thereof: *Provided,* That a sum not to exceed one thousand pesos annually may be paid as additional salary to any person serving as ex officio justice of the peace, or as ex officio auxiliary justice of the peace while acting as justice of the peace under the provisions of this section, the provisions of Act Numbered One hundred and forty-eight to the contrary notwithstanding. *And provided also,* That no additional salary shall be paid to any governor, lieutenant-governor, supervisor, or superintendent of exchanges, appointed justice of the peace or auxiliary justice, for his service in such public office.

SEC. 4. After December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fourteen, no officer or employee of the municipal, provincial, or Insular Government shall be appointed as justice of the peace, or auxiliary justice of the peace, and the powers of all persons mentioned in the preceding section and of all persons in the Mountain Province now serving as ex officio justices of the peace, or as auxiliary justices of the peace, shall terminate, and they shall no longer serve in that capacity, except such person or persons as to whom the Secretary of the Interior shall communicate to the Governor-General in writing, his opinion that they should continue in office or be appointed if not then in office in the interest of the public welfare; and such persons shall so continue, or if not in office may be appointed: *Provided,* That the Governor-General, upon the request of the Secretary of the Interior, may, at any time,