

[Act No. 2433, December 23, 1914]

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF NOTARIES PUBLIC BY EXTENDING SAID PRIVILEGE TO PERSONS WHO HAVE PASSED THE EXAMINATION FOR CLERK OF THE COURT OR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COURT, OR WHO HAVE HELD SAID OFFICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section one of Act Numbered Twenty-three hundred and eighty-seven is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Hereafter no person shall be appointed notary public who has not the following qualifications:

"First. Is over twenty-one years of age;

"Second. Has not been convicted of a crime implying moral turpitude;

"Third. Has passed the examination for the bar, or had qualified for the office of notary public under Spanish sovereignty and under the laws at that time in force, or the office of justice of the peace or clerk of the court, or deputy clerk of the court, or had at any time held either of the two latter offices for a period of not less than two years, or has completed and passed in the studies of law in a reputable university or school of law: *Provided*, That in municipalities or townships wherein no persons reside having the qualifications herein before specified, or having them, refuse to hold such office, judges of First Instance may appoint other persons temporarily to exercise the office of notary public who have the qualifications of fitness and morality duly proved: *Provided further*, That municipal presidents, treasurers, and secretaries, who have the qualifications required by this Act to perform the duties of the office of notary public, shall not hold such office of notary public while holding such offices: *Provided, also*, That neither shall justices of the peace, clerks of court and deputy clerks of court whilst the same are justices of the peace, clerks of court or deputy clerks of court, hold such office, except as ex officio notaries: *And provided, finally*, That in the city of Manila and in the capitals of the provinces, where there are two or more lawyers appointed as notaries public, no person other than a lawyer or a person who was qualified to hold the office of notary public under the Spanish sovereignty shall hold said office; and

"Fourth. Is a citizen of the Philippine Islands or of the United States."

Enacted, December 23, 1914.
