

[Act No. 2429, December 12, 1914]

AN ACT PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR THE FIRST ELECTION OF THIRD MEMBERS OF PROVINCIAL BOARDS IN THE VARIOUS PROVINCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINDANAO AND SULU, AND AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR OF THE DEPARTMENT TO FIX THE DATE FOR THE HOLDING OF THE FIRST MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. *Qualifications of third members.*—The third members of the provincial boards of the provinces in the Department of Mindanao and Sulu must be qualified electors of their provinces, under the provisions of Act Numbered Twenty-four hundred and eight, and not less than twenty-five years of age.

SEC. 2. *Electors.*—Vice-presidents and councilors in municipalities organized under Act Numbered Thirty-five of the legislative council and under Act Numbered Eighty-two of the Philippine Commission, and such vice-presidents and councilors of municipal districts as the department governor may designate, are authorized to vote for the election of third members for their respective provinces.

SEC. 3. *Procedure.*—The third members shall be elected in the following manner:

At eight antemeridian on the date fixed by the Governor-General, the electors referred to in the preceding paragraph shall meet in joint convention at the capital of the province. The convention shall be called to order by the provincial secretary-treasurer who shall call the roll of the qualified members of the convention in accordance with the list previously prepared by him, and he shall be present during the convention. As soon as a quorum is verified the convention shall proceed by secret ballot to the election from among their own number of a presiding officer and three tellers. The provincial secretary-treasurer may upon request of any member of the convention, assist such member in the preparation of any ballot cast during the convention and he shall regard the information so imparted to him as secret and confidential. It shall be the duty of the tellers at all stages of the subsequent proceedings to receive and count the ballots as cast and the presiding officer shall then announce the result of such ballots as stated to him by said tellers. After the election of said tellers, the next order of business shall be the selection by the convention of a third member of the provincial board, who shall also be chosen by the convention by secret ballot. A plurality of the members of the convention present and entitled to vote shall be necessary to elect. The action of the convention shall be forwarded to the department governor by the provincial secretary-treasurer, after being duly certified by him. The department governor shall confirm the selection of the person thus elected unless it shall be found that he was illegally elected or that he is ineligible under the provisions of Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and eighty-two, as amended.