

[ Act No. 2272, March 03, 1913 ]

**AN ACT TO AMEND IN CERTAIN RESPECTS SECTION NINE, AS AMENDED, OF ACT NUMBERED SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN, ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT OF THE MORO PROVINCE," TO PROVIDE FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF A PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AND A REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR THE MORO PROVINCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. Section nine, as amended, of Act Numbered Seven hundred and eighty-seven of the Philippine Commission, entitled "An Act providing for the Organization and Government of the Moro Province," is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. The provincial attorney shall be the attorney Provincial attorney, and legal adviser of the provincial government and of each of its officers and of the legislative council hereinafter constituted and shall, when called upon by the council or any officer, furnish a written opinion on questions of law arising in the administration of the government. He shall represent the provincial government in all suits brought on its behalf or against it in the courts of the province or in the courts of any province or district. He shall be the legal adviser of the municipal authorities of any municipality organized in the province and shall, upon request, submit in writing his views upon any question properly arising in the discharge of the public duties of such officers or authorities. He shall represent each municipality of the province in all litigation pending for or against such municipality in any court therein, except in cases where the interests of the municipality and of the province are opposed, in cases where two municipalities are adverse parties to the same litigation, and in cases arising under Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and seventy-six, in all of which cases the municipality shall be obliged to employ special counsel. There shall be a prosecuting attorney for the Moro Province, who shall also be ex officio assistant attorney for the Moro Province, and who shall discharge his duties under the general supervision of the provincial attorney. He shall be appointed by the governor of the Moro Province subject to confirmation by the legislative council. He shall be a lawyer admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands, or in the Supreme Court of a state or territory of the United States, or of the District of Columbia. He shall receive such annual salary as may be fixed and provided for such officer in the appropriation acts of the legislative council. He shall represent the public in the prosecution of crime in any courts within the Moro Province, when the public interest requires it, and shall render such services as assistant attorney for the Moro Province as may be assigned to him by the attorney for the Moro Province. Before assuming office he shall take the oath of office prescribed for provincial officers in Act Numbered Eighty-three. The provincial attorney shall whenever in his opinion the public interest requires it, appear and take charge of prosecutions for the Government in any court within the