

[Act No. 2169, February 06, 1912]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REORGANIZATION, GOVERNMENT, AND INSPECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OR PROVINCES AND SUBPROVINCES ORGANIZED UNDER ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY-THREE.

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

Section 1. The municipal police of the municipalities of the men provinces and subprovinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three is hereby reorganized in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 2. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, the Director of Constabulary shall prepare general regulations for the good government, discipline, and inspection of the municipal police, compliance wherewith shall be obligatory for all members of the organization, but each municipal council may issue supplementary regulations for the municipal police not incompatible with the provisions of the general regulations, but such supplementary regulations shall not be put into effect without the approval of the provincial board.

The general regulations shall be translated into Spanish and the vernacular of each locality.

SEC. 3. An examining board for the municipal police is hereby created in each of the provinces above mentioned, to be composed of the senior inspector of Constabulary, as chairman, and the third member of the provincial board and a municipal president designated by the provincial board, as members, with the third member acting as secretary.

SEC. 4. The third member of the provincial board, as member and secretary of the examining board, shall be entitled to per diems equal to those received by him as member of the provincial board, for each day of session of the examining board, and to reimbursement of his actual and necessary traveling expenses from his place of residence to the place where the examination is held and vice versa: *Provided*, That such per diems and traveling expenses shall be paid from provincial funds.

The actual and necessary traveling expenses of the municipal president designated, from his place of residence to the place where the examination is held, and vice versa, shall also be reimbursable from provincial funds.

SEC. 5. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Police, the Director of Constabulary shall prepare an examination manual, prescribing at the same time suitable rules for conducting examinations, and it shall be his duty to send a sufficient number of copies of said manual to each of the municipalities subject to this Act, and to the examining boards.

SEC. 6. The examining boards shall each year notify candidates to file their applications within a period expiring on the eve of the examination.

SEC. 7. The first examination board shall be held in the month of June, nineteen

hundred and twelve, and thereafter examinations shall be held in the month of January of each year at the place, day, and hour designated by the examining board in each province.

SEC. 8. The Director of Constabulary shall provide the examining boards with application blanks which shall be furnished free of charge to candidates.

SEC. 9. To be eligible for examination, a candidate shall have the following requirements:

- (1) Be a native of the Philippine Islands;
- (2) Be from twenty-one to forty years of age;
- (3) Be a person of good habits;
- (4) Be of sound physical constitution;
- (5) Not suffer from any contagious disease;
- (6) Have no criminal record;
- (7) Have not been expelled or dishonorably discharged from any civil or military employment;
- (8) Be able to write and read English or Spanish; and
- (9) Have a perfect reading and writing knowledge of the vernacular.

SEC. 10. Applications shall be filed with the chairman of the board fifteen days prior to the date stated in the notice and shall be accompanied by a medical certificate showing the physical qualification of the applicant.

SEC. 11. The physical examination shall be made by the district health officer or municipal physician or physicians to whom the chairman of the board shall give the proper orders, designating the day and hour when said examination is to take place.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the physician examining the applicant to issue free of charge the proper certificate of examination, if requested by the applicant.

SEC. 13. The examining board shall furnish the municipalities applicants successful of the provinces and subprovinces with a list of the residents of each municipality that have passed the examination and a general list of all applicants who have passed the same.

SEC. 14. The notice required by section six of this Act shall state the name of the physician or physicians to whom candidates must apply for examination.

SEC. 15. Only persons who have demonstrated their efficiency before an examining board, by making the average prescribed in the general regulations, and who have all the qualifications required in section nine of this Act, shall be admitted in the municipal police.

SEC. 16. The municipal president shall appoint, by and with Appointments. the consent of the municipal council, the persons who shall form the police of the municipality: *Provided*, That the chief of police shall be appointed by, the provincial governor, on recommendation of the municipal president by and with the consent of the municipal council, and the person recommended shall be a resident of the locality, who has passed the examination for chief, and in default thereof any person who has passed said examination and has not been recommended by another