

[ Act No. 1935, May 20, 1909 ]

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF ALL LIBRARIES BELONGING TO ANY BRANCH OF THE PHILIPPINE INSULAR GOVERNMENT FOR THE CREATION OF "THE PHILIPPINES LIBRARY," AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REGULATION OF THE SAME, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. A board of live members is hereby constituted consisting of the Secretary of Public-Instruction, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Finance and Justice, and two other to be appointed annually by the Governor-General, which shall be known as "The Philippines Library Board."

SEC. 2. All libraries of every kind and character belonging to Insular Government of the Philippine Islands, or to any Department Bureau, or subdivision of the same shall be consolidated under the general management of the Board created by action one of this Act. as hereinafter provided, and shall collectively be known as "The Philippines Library."

SEC. 3. The Philippines Library Board shall divide the library into such divisions as are necessary and proper for the correct and advantageous classification of the books, papers, periodicals, and documents belonging to such library, having among other divisions, a division of Filipiniana, a law division, a scientific division, and a circulating division, in which latter shall be included the present American Circulating Library. The scientific division shall be housed in the building of the Bureau of Science, the law division shall be housed in such place as the Supreme Court may direct, and other divisions shall be consolidated and housed in one place so far as possible, but this shall not be done if, in the judgment of such Library Board, the purposes of the library can be better served by having one or more of such divisions located in another place than at the place of the main library. When a division is located in some other place than at the place of the main library, property responsibility for the custody of the books

shall rest upon the Bureau or Office in which it is located, and the employees occupied in cataloguing and caring for the books shall be employees of such Bureau or Office. As soon as practicable there shall be prepared and housed in the main library a complete catalogue of all books and publications belonging to the Philippines Library and each of its divisions. No purchases of books or publications shall be made for any section or division of such library except by such Library Board, and such Board shall avoid, as far as is consistent with the needs of the library, the duplication of purchases, by bringing to the attention of the proper Secretary of Department or of the Governor-General, as the case may be, orders involving such duplication. Appropriations for the purchase of books shall hereafter be made for the several divisions of the Philippines Library as provided by law or established by the Library Board. Requisitions for the purchase of books for any division shall be signed by the (Incl. of the Bureau or Office having custody of the books of said division, and, after approval by the Secretary of the proper Department or the Governor-General, as the case may be, shall be transmitted to the Library Board, which shall examine the same with a view of avoiding, so far as is consistent with