

[Act No. 1933, May 20, 1909]

**AN ACT ADDING NEW MATTER TO SECTION SEVEN OF ACT
NUMBERED ELEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY AND AMENDING
SECTIONS NINE AND ELEVEN OF SAID ACT, AS AMENDED BY ACT
NUMBERED EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND' FORTY-SEVEN, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

Section 1. The following is hereby added to the end of section seven of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty:

"Provided, That the failure on the part of the occupants to state their desire to lease or state their desire to lease or purchase said lands shall not be understood to mean that they do not desire to acquire them. In case of such failure it shall lie the duty of the Director of Lands, or his agents, to enjoin such occupants to state their desire in writing within the period of eight days from the date of such injunction," and their failure to do so shall be understood to mean that such occupants do not desire either to lease or to purchase said lands. The Director of Lands shall neither lease nor sell the said lands to any other person until the foregoing requirements shall have been complied with, and any contracts of lease or of sale hereafter executed without them shall be null and void."

SEC. 2. Section nine of Act Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty, as amended by Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and forty-seven, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. In the event the Director of Lands should find any of said lands vacant, he is directed to take possession and charge thereof, and he may either lease such unoccupied lands for a term not exceeding three years, or sell same, as may be solicited, and in making such leases or such sales he shall proceed, as provided in section eleven of this Act."

SEC. 3. Paragraph two of section eleven of the said Act, as amended by Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and forty-seven, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"In case of lease of vacant lands, as well as in case of sale of same under the provisions of section nine of this Act, the Director of Lands shall notify the municipal president or municipal presidents of the municipality or municipalities in which said lands lie before the same takes place. Upon receipt of such notification by said municipal president or municipal presidents the latter shall by publish the same for three consecutive days, by *bandillos*, in the *poblacion* and barrio or barrios affected, and shall certify all these acts to the Director of Lands who shall then, and not before, proceed to execute the contract of lease or to make the said sale with preference, other conditions being equal, to the purchaser who has been a tenant or bona fide occupant at any time of the said lands or part thereof, and if there has been more than one piece occupant to the