

[Acts No. 1822, May 15, 1908]

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SPECIAL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ACT, BY INCREASING THE POWERS OF THE PROVINCES OF BENGUET, LEPANTO-BONTOC, NUEVA VIZCAYA, AND AGUSAN IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATION OF PROVINCIAL FUNDS.

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

SECTION 1. Section seventeen of the Special Provincial Government. Act, Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (r) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(r) In the Provinces of Benguet, Lepanto-Bontoc, Nueva Vizcaya. and Agusan, to appropriate, in its discretion, moneys from Funds provincial any of its funds in excess of all just debts and liabilities falling due within the fiscal year, except those funds the use of which is otherwise specifically fixed by law for loans to municipalities, townships, or settlements of the province, under such conditions as to the use of the funds loaned and as to the repayment of the loans with interest at three per centum per annum as may be fixed by the provincial board : *Provided*, That the entire indebtedness of any municipality, township, or settlement to which a loan is made shall not. inclusive of such loan, exceed live per centum of the assessed valuation of the property in said municipality, township, or settlement :

"To provide, in its discretion, for the payment from provincial funds of their regular compensation during the period of their disability, not exceeding ninety days, to unclassified employees of the provincial government, including laborers, when said employees or laborers are injured in the clear line of duty; the necessary expenses of medical attendance, transportation, and hospital fees for such injured employees or laborers, and in case of their death from said injuries, their reasonable burial expenses may likewise, in the discretion of the provincial board, be paid from, provincial fluids :

"To appropriate moneys accruing to the provincial road and bridge fund for the purpose of providing and maintaining wharves, piers, and docks in accordance with plans and specifications furnished by the Bureau of Navigation, and removing obstructions to navigation within the limits of the province;

"To appropriate moneys from any of its funds, except those the use of which is otherwise specifically fixed by law, for other purposes having in view the general welfare of the province and its inhabitants :

"*Provided*, That no appropriation made pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be valid or take effect until it shall interior. have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or unless and until thirty days after the receipt of due notice thereof by the Secretary of the Interior