

[Acts No. 1875, June 19, 1908]

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX, ENTITLED "THE LAND REGISTRATION ACT," AND OTHER ACTS RELATING THERETO, TO GIVE GREATER FACILITIES FOR OBTAINING TITLES AND THE REGISTRATION OF PROPERTY IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE THOUSAND PESOS FOR THE JUDICIARY AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS FOR THE BUREAU OF LANDS TO MEET THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES INVOLVED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Section 1. Section three of Act Numbered Four hundred and ninety-six is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. The Governor-General, with the advice and consent of the Philippine Commission, may appoint five judges of the court of Land Registration, one of whom shall be appointed, commissioned, and qualified as judge of the Court of Land Registration, and the others as associate judges thereof, each of whom may be removed by the Governor-General, with the advice and consent of the Philippine Commission, and any vacancy shall be filled in the manner in this section provided."

SEC. 2. The Bureau of Lands is hereby authorized to employ not exceeding twenty-five surveyors, who shall be charged with the special duty of doing surveying work for the Court of Land Registration and who shall be assigned to no other work by the Bureau of Lands while their services are required by said court.

In case the services of the full corps of surveyors hereby authorized for the Court of Land Registration are not required by said court at any time, they may be employed on other work required by the Bureau of Lands until such time as they are again required for surveying work for the Court of Land Registration. The surveyors hereby authorized to be appointed must be qualified under civil-service rules and regulations and shall be subject to the Civil Service Law and rules. Surveyors authorized by this section shall receive a salary of not less than one thousand nor more than three thousand pesos per annum.

SEC. 3. Surveyors for whom provision is made in section two shall be charged with the duty of preparing or verifying, as the case may be, all maps and plats of property the title to which has been applied for in the Court of Land Registration, in accordance with the provisions of Act Numbered Four hundred and ninety-six as amended and of Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-six as amended. They shall perform such other duties as surveyors as may be necessary for the prompt dispatch of the business of the Court of Land Registration and as may be required of them by said court or by the Bureau of Lands in case their services are not required by the Court of Land Registration.

SEC. 4. The surveyor who is employed to prepare surveys, maps, and plats of