

[Acts No. 1867, June 18, 1908]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN REFORMS IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINES CONSTABULARY.

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

SECTION 1. Section two of Act Numbered Three hundred and nineteen, entitled "An Act amending Act Numbered One hundred and seventy-five by increasing the maximum pay of first-class inspectors and providing for the grade of subinspector of the Philippines Constabulary," is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. The Present subinspectors appointed under the provisions of section two of said Act Numbered Three hundred and nineteen shall be promoted, without the necessity of examination, to third lieutenants and inspectors, and shall, in every respect except as hereinafter provided, have the consideration, rank, and privileges of third lieutenants and inspectors, in the same manner as if they had prior appointees, been promoted by means of regular examination: *Provided, however,* That subinspectors heretofore appointed and who hold their positions without the entrance examination prescribed by the Manual of the Philippines Constabulary, shall be obliged to take said examination before they can secure final appointment as third lieutenants and inspectors, and during the period of probation, which shall not exceed six months, the Director of Constabulary shall issue to them a provisional probational appointment which shall expire after the test examination, if unsatisfactory, or six months after said appointment being in either case honorably discharged the service: *And provided further,* That persons who shall have an examination for subinspector and who have heretofore failed to secure a position or who, having held the position of lieutenant have been honorably discharged, shall, after the subinspectors have been appointed as third lieutenants, be preferably chosen in appointment, and shall be appointed as third lieutenants and inspectors when vacancies occur in this grade.

SEC. 3. Hereafter no person whose appointment is subject to the authority of the Director of Constabulary shall receive an original appointment in a higher grade than that of third lieutenant on the service, except in the medical division.

SEC. 4. Section two of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and air is hereby amended to read as follows: In addition to the pay provided by law for the commissioned officers of the Philippines Constabulary, there shall be allowed and paid to each of such others who is not an officer of the United States Army detailed for service with the Constabulary, ten per centum of his current annual pay for each term of five years of faithful and efficient service: *Provided,* That the total amount of such increase shall not exceed forty per centum of the yearly pay of the grade as provided by law."

SEC. 5 There is hereby appropriated, from any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of seventy-five thousand pesos to be made available for the use of the Constabulary to put in effect the provisions of this Act and in order to permit, of the necessary promotions to the higher grades of first and second lieutenants in accordance with orders issued for the purpose by the Director