

[Acts No. 1876., August 18, 1908]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRISON AT BONTOC FOR NON-CHRISTIAN CRIMINALS, CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA, AMENDING ACT NUMBERED EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MOUNTAIN JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND THE TIMES AND PLACES OF HOLDING COURTS OF FIRST INSTANCE IN THE SAID DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR PARTICIPATION BY THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF INTERNAL-REVENUE COLLECTIONS, AND REPEALING ALL ACTS OR PARTS OF ACTS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a province which shall be known as the Mountain Province. It shall include the subprovince of Benguet which shall have the boundaries of the present Province of Benguet ; the subprovince of Amburayan, which shall have the boundaries of the present subprovince of Amburayan; the subprovince of Lepanto which shall have the boundaries of the present subprovince of Lepanto; the subprovince of Bontoc, which shall have the boundaries of the present subprovince of Bontoc; the subprovince of Ifugao, which shall have the boundaries of the former *comandancia* of Quiangan the subprovince of Kalinga, which shall have the boundaries of the present subprovince of Kalinga; and the subprovince of Apayao, which shall have the boundaries of the present subprovince of Apayao: *Provided, however,* That this organization of subprovinces as a part of the Mountain Province shall in no way affect the present representation in the Philippine Assembly.

SEC. 2. (a) There shall be a governor of the Mountain Province. He shall reside and have his office at Bontoc, which shall be the capital of the province. He shall receive compensation at the rate of not to exceed six thousand pesos per annum, with quarters.

(b) There shall be a lieutenant-governor of the subprovince of Benguet who shall reside and have his office at Baguio, which shall be the capital of the subprovince. He shall receive compensation at the rate of not to exceed three thousand six hundred pesos per annum, with quarters.

(c) There shall be a lieutenant-governor of the subprovince of Amburayan, who shall reside and have his office at Tagudin, which shall be the capital of the subprovince. He shall receive compensation at the rate of not to exceed two thousand eight hundred pesos per annum.

(d) There shall be a lieutenant-governor of the subprovince of Ifugao, who shall reside and have his office at Banaue, which shall be the capital of the subprovince. He shall receive compensation at the rate of not to exceed three thousand two hundred pesos per annum, with quarters.

(e) There shall be a lieutenant-governor of the subprovince of Lepanto, who shall reside and have his office at Cervantes, which shall be the capital of the subprovince. He shall receive compensation at the rate of not to exceed three thousand pesos per annum, with quarters.

(f) There shall be a lieutenant-governor of the subprovince, of Bontoc, who shall reside and have his office at Bontoc, which shall be the capital of the subprovince. He shall receive compensation at the rate of not to exceed three thousand two hundred pesos per annum, with quarters.

(g) There shall be a lieutenant-governor of the subprovince of Kalinga, who shall reside and have his office at such place as the Governor-General shall hereafter fix by executive order, which place shall be the capital of the subprovince. He shall receive compensation at the rate of not to exceed three thousand two hundred pesos per annum, with quarters.

(h) There shall be a lieutenant-governor of the subprovince of Apayao, who shall reside and have his office at Taut, which shall be the capital of the subprovince. He shall receive compensation at the rate of not to exceed three thousand two hundred pesos per annum, with quarters.

(i) There shall be a secretary-treasurer of the province, who shall reside and have his office at the capital of the province. He shall receive compensation at the rate of not to exceed five thousand pesos per annum, with quarters.

(j) There shall be a supervisor of the province, who shall reside and have his office at the capital of the province. He shall receive compensation at the rate of not to exceed four thousand pesos per annum, with quarters.

(k) There shall be such subordinate employees of the Mountain Province as the provincial board shall recommend and the Executive Secretary approve.

SEC. 3. The Mountain Province shall be organized under the Special Provincial Government Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six and the provisions of sections one to twenty-two, inclusive, of said Act, as amended, and the provisions of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "The Township Government Act," as amended, shall apply to said province and to its townships and settlements, respectively.

Within the territory of their respective subprovinces the lieutenant-governors of the Mountain Province shall have the powers and perform the duties prescribed for and imposed upon lieutenant-governors by subdivisions (e) and (f) paragraph three of section twenty-four of the Special Provincial Government Act.

SEC. 4. All unexpended balances in the treasury of the Province of Cagayan belonging to the subprovince of Apayao; in the treasury of the Province of La Union, belonging to the non-Christian inhabitants fund in the treasury of the Province of Lepanto-Bontoc, and in the treasury of the Province of Benguet, and ninety per centum of all non-Christian inhabitants funds in the treasury of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya, shall be transferred to the treasury of the Mountain Province and shall be expendable for the benefit of said province.