

[Act No. 1606, March 12, 1907]

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE PURCHASING AGENT, BY DECLARING THE MANNER IN WHICH ESTIMATES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED AND PURCHASES MADE THEREUNDER.

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

SECTION 1. Act Numbered One hundred and forty-six, entitled "An Act creating the office of Insular Purchasing Agent for the Government of the Philippine Archipelago, defining the duties of such officer, and making an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of carrying said Act into effect," is hereby amended by striking out section five thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 5. Each head of a civil Department, Bureau, or Office shall submit annually, within thirty days after the passage of each regular annual appropriation bill, to the said Purchasing Agent, an estimate of articles or supplies which will probably be required for the transaction of its official business for the fiscal year for which appropriations are made, such estimates to be used as a basis upon which the Purchasing Agent may make necessary purchases. Such estimates shall be accompanied by a certificate by the head of Bureau or Office submitting the estimate that there will be, during the period in which the supplies are to be delivered, sufficient funds with which to make payment for the same, and said certificate shall be approved by the Secretary of the Department to which the Bureau or Office belongs. All supplies purchased in compliance with such estimates shall be requisitioned for and paid for by the Bureau or Office making the estimate within the period for which the estimate was made: *Provided*, That the Purchasing Agent, before making purchases in accordance with such estimates, shall call the attention of the head of the Bureau or Office making requisition to the fact that he has on hand, if such be the case, similar articles, which, in his judgment, will fairly answer the purposes of the requisition and the requisition shall be returned to the head of the Bureau or Office concerned, and in case the said head of Bureau or Office shall refuse to accept the substitution proposed by the Purchasing Agent, it shall thereupon become the duty of the head of the Department in which the requisition originated to determine whether the proposed substitution shall or shall not be made."

SEC. 2. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the passage of the same is hereby expedited in accordance with section two of "An Act prescribing the order of procedure by the Commission in the enactment of laws," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, March 12, 1907.
