

[Act No. 1598, March 09, 1907]

ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SUBSECTIONS OF SECTION FIVE OF ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX, AS AMENDED BY ACTS NUMBERED EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN, AND ELEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR, BY MODIFYING THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF JUDGES, AND THE PROVISION RELATING TO THE COURT VACATION OF THE SUPREME COURT.

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

SECTION 1. Section five of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, as amended by Acts Numbered Eight hundred and sixty-seven and Eleven hundred and eighty-four, is hereby amended as follows:

(1) By adding at the end of subsection (a) thereof the words: *Provided further*, That the court vacation of the Supreme Court Supreme may be made to begin on the first of April and close with the first of July in any year by a resolution to that effect adopted by the court and entered upon the minutes thereof."

(2) By striking out the second sentence of subsection (j) thereof, reading: "The right to a leave of absence for five months shall accrue to all judges who have served three years in the Islands and who have not during that time visited' the United States, and this provision shall lie retroactive," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The right to a leave of absence for five mouths shall accrue to all judges who have served continuously for throe years in the Islands, either in the judicial service or in some other branch of the Philippine civil service in which accrued leave is earned, and who have not during that time visited the United States, the period of service corresponding to any accrued leave enjoyed prior to appointment as judge not to be counted as a part of such three years of service: *Provided, however*, That judges who have not completed three years of service in service. Islands, but who have served more than two years, may be granted five months' vacation, the period of such vacation to include the regular court section: *And provided further*, That no payment for additional three months, or any portion thereof which may granted in the vacation taken, shall be made to a judge grained leave prior to the completion of three years of service, until he returns to duty and completes three years of service in the Islands: *And provided further*, That in any year wherein the court vacation of the Supreme Court is extended by a resolution of the court, six months" instead of five months' vacation may be assigned to any member of the Supreme Court who is entitled to a long vacation."

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.