

## [ Act No. 1759, October 10, 1907 ]

### **AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF SAMAR, PRESCRIBING HIS POWERS AND DUTIES, REPEALING ACT NUMBERED THIRTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be a lieutenant-governor of the Province of Samar who shall be appointed by the Governor-General by and with the consent of the Philippine Commission. He shall receive compensation at the rate of not to exceed four thousand pesos per annum. Subject to the approval of the Governor-General, he shall exercise the powers and perform the duties with reference to the hill people of Samar which are fixed for the governor by Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six, entitled "The Special Provincial Government Act." He shall be a justice of the peace with jurisdiction throughout the Province of Samar. He shall have his office at the capital of the province, but, so far as may be practicable and consistent with the public interest, shall spend his time in visiting the hill people of Samar, in protecting them from abuses, in aiding them to market their products at reasonable prices by the establishment of exchanges and other means, and in promoting friendly relations between them and the people of the lowland and coast regions. He shall ascertain, as soon as practicable, in accordance with the provisions of section two hereof, the approximate number of hill people in the Province of Samar, and certify such number to the Insular Auditor, and upon such certification the Insular Auditor shall redistribute the internal-revenue funds payable to the province in such manner that thereafter the amount proportionate to the number of hill people shall be deducted from the funds of the Province of Samar and shall constitute a township and settlement fund for the benefit of the hill people and shall be expended as provided by Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and twenty-six.

SEC. 2. The lieutenant-governor and the provincial board of Samar shall agree as to the municipalities, townships, settlements, places, or other divisions of territory the inhabitants of which shall be considered hill people within the meaning of this Act. In the event of failure to agree in any case appeal shall be had to the Governor-General, whose decision shall be final.

SEC. 3. Subject to the approval of the Governor-General, the provincial board shall exercise the powers and perform the duties with reference to the hill people of Samar which are prescribed for the provincial board by Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six.

SEC. 4. Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An Act to authorize the application to the Province of Samar, under certain conditions, of the provisions of Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-six, known as the "Special Provincial Government Act" and Act Numbered Thirteen hundred and ninety-seven, known as the "Township Government Act," is hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. 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