[Act No. 1731, October 01, 1907]

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MUNICIPALITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY FROM TWENTY-THREE, AS ESTABLISHED BY ACT NUMBERED FIFTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN, TO TWENTY-ONE, BY CONSOLIDATING THE PRESENT MUNICIPALITIES OF ALBAY, DARAGA, AND LEGASPI INTO ONE MUNICIPALITY.

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

SECTION 1. The twenty-three municipalities of the Province of Albay, as established by Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and fifty-seven, entitled "An Act reducing the number of municipalities in the Province of Albay from twenty-seven to twenty-three, by consolidating certain municipalities of the said province located in the subprovince of Catanduanes," shall, in accordance with the provisions of this Act. be reduced to twenty-one by consolidating the present municipalities of Albay, Daraga, and Legaspi into one municipality, with the seat of municipal government at the present Albay municipality of Albay. The new municipality of Albay shall consist of the territory comprised by the present municipalities of Albay, Daraga, and Legaspi.

SEC. 2. The first municipal election for the new municipality of Albay shall be held on a date to be designated by the Governor-General in a call for a special election and in accordance with the provisions of the Election Law relative to elections in new municipalities. When the new municipal officials shall have been elected and shall have qualified, the present organization of each of the municipalities mentioned in section one of this Act shall be thereby abolished, and all of the present municipal officials shall cease to hold office as soon as the, new officials shall have taken the oath of office. Until the officials elected for the new municipality of Albay, as described in section one of this Act, shall have qualified, the present organization of the municipalities of Albay, Daraga, and Legaspi shall continue.

SEC. 3. 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. 4. This Act shall take effect on November sixth, nineteen hundred and seven.

Enacted, October 1, 1907.

