

# [ Act No. 1507, June 29, 1906 ]

## **AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION OF SUPERVISING RAILWAY EXPERT, DEFINING HIS DUTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created as of December ninth, nineteen hundred and five, in the Department of Commerce and Police, the position of Supervising Railway Expert at a salary of twenty-four thousand pesos per annum. The Supervising Railway Expert shall be appointed by the Governor-General, with the advice and consent of the Philippine Commission.

SEC. 2. The Supervising Railway Expert shall be supplied with an office by the Director of Public Works, who shall assign to him from the force authorized by his appropriation such stenographers, clerks, assistant engineers, draftsmen, and other employees as he may require and as may from time to time be authorized for that purpose by the Philippine Commission.

The salary of the Supervising Railway Expert shall be paid from the Insular salary and expense fund or from any appropriation specifically providing therefor. His proper contingent expenses and those of the employees assigned to him shall be paid from the appropriations of the Bureau of Public Works.

SEC. 3. The Supervising Railway Expert shall keep an account of the nature and cost of the service which he and the employees assigned to him perform in order that the Government may be in position to make a charge against any railroad constructed under guaranty, as in the instance of the Philippine Railway Company in article nine of section one of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and ninety-seven.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Supervising Railway Expert—

(a) To advise the Secretary of Commerce and Police in regard to any concession or extension of concession if they be asked for by companies, firms, or individuals proposing to construct railroads in the Philippine Islands, whether the traction is by steam, electricity, or other motive power.

(b) To supervise the construction and operation of all railroads being constructed or operated in the Philippine Islands with a view to seeing that they comply with the terms of the concession from which they receive their privileges and with the laws of Congress and of the Philippine Islands governing such enterprises.

(c) To supervise in particular the construction of railroads—upon which interest of bonds is guaranteed under authority granted guaranteed by the terms of the Act of Congress approved February sixth, nineteen hundred and five. It shall be his duty to determine the nature and quality of all expenditures and to see that they comply with the terms of their respective concessions in all respects, and no bonds shall be issued or certified as provided in section four of the bonds Act of Congress approved February sixth, nineteen hundred and issued-five, until written certification is made to the Governor-General through the