

[Act No. 1557, October 31, 1906]

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.

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

SECTION 1. The twenty-seven municipalities of the Province of Albay shall, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, be reduced to twenty-three, by consolidating certain municipalities of the said province located in the sub-province of Catanduanes as follows:

1. The municipality of Bato shall consist, of its present territory, excepting the *visita*, of Cabugao, and that of the municipality of Baras. with the seat of municipal government at, the present municipality of Bato.
2. The municipality of Virac shall consist of its present territory and that of the *visita* of Cabugao, in the present municipality of Bato with the seat of municipal government at the present municipality of Virac.
3. The municipality of Viga shall consist of its present territory and that of the municipalities of Payo and Bagamanoc, with the seat of municipal government at the present municipality of Viga.
4. The municipality of Pandan shall consist of its present territory and that of the municipality of Caramoran with the seat of municipal government at the present municipality of Pandan.

SEC. 2. The municipal elections for each of the new municipalities of Bato, Virac, Viga, and Pandan shall be held in accordance with the rules contained in Act Numbered Seven hundred and thirty, as amended by Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-eight. When the new municipal officials shall have been elected and shall have qualified, the present organization of each of the municipalities mentioned in paragraphs numbered one, two, three, and four of section one of this Act shall be thereby abolished, so that all 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 municipalities, as described in said paragraphs numbered one, two, three, and four of section one of this Act. shall have qualified, the present organization of the existing municipalities 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 its passage.

Enacted, October 31, 1906.