[Act No. 1549, October 25, 1906]

AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MUNICIPALITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS FROM SIXTEEN TO SEVENTEEN, BY SEPARATING FROM TAAL THE FORMER MUNICIPALITY OF LEMERY, RECONSTITUTING THE LATTER AS A MUNICIPALITY, AND GIVING THE SAME THE TERRITORY WHICH IT COMPRISED PRIOR TO THE PASSAGE OF ACT NUMBERED SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHT.

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

SECTION 1. The sixteen municipalities of the Province of Batangas. as established by Act Numbered Fifteen hundred and fourteen, shall, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, be increased to seventeen, by separating the former municipality of Lemery from the present municipality of Taal. The municipality of Taal shall consist of its present territory minus that of Lemery, which is hereby reconstituted a municipality and shall consist of the territory of which it was constituted prior to the passage of Act Numbered Seven hundred and eight.

SEC. 2. The municipal election for the reconstituted municipality of Lemerv shall be held at the time of the next regular municipal elections in the Province of Batangas in accordance with the rules contained in Act Numbered Seven hundred and thirty, as amended by Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-eight, but the officers thus elected shall not take office nor shall the said reconstituted municipality come into existence until the first Monday in January following said election. The changes herein provided for shall in no way interfere with the number of officers to be elected or with the holding in the regular manner of the municipal election in the municipality of Taal, unless through the operation of this Act the class of said municipality, as fixed under section four of the Municipal Code is raised or lowered, in which case the number of councilors elected shall be as prescribed in Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and thirty-three.

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 25. 1906.

