

[ Act No. 1545, October 20, 1906 ]

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ACT,  
NUMBERED EIGHTY-THREE, BY REORGANIZING THE  
PROVINCIAL BOARDS, AND BY ABOLISHING THE POSITION OF  
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. The provincial boards of all provinces organized under Act Numbered Eighty-three, as amended, shall hereafter be composed of the provincial governor, the provincial treasurer, and a third member to be chosen in the manner prescribed, or to be prescribed by law for provincial governors, except in the case of vacancies as hereinafter provided for, and subject to confirmation, and to suspension or removal, by the Governor-General, under the same conditions as prescribed for provincial governors. The qualifications of a candidate for election as the third member of a provincial board shall be the same as those now required for the office of provincial governor, and upon his election and confirmation such third member shall hold office for a term equal to that for which the governor is elected: *Provided*, That on or after the date this Act takes effect, and until the next regular provincial election, such third member shall be appointed by the Governor-General, with the consent of the Philippine Commission, to hold office until the said election, and until his successor is chosen and qualified in the manner herein prescribed: *And provided further*, That whenever in the opinion of the Governor-General, the same may be necessary or advisable for the public interests, he may, with the approval of the Philippine Commission, declare that no election shall be held for a third member of the provincial board, fully setting forth his reasons for such action, and in such case the Governor-General may make an appointment to the office, with the approval of the Philippine Commission: *And provided further*, That if in any case the Governor-General shall decline to confirm the person elected, he shall order a new election and shall fix the time for the holding thereof. If the Governor-General shall decline to confirm the person elected at the second election he shall, with the consent of the Philippine Commission, appoint some suitable person, who shall be a citizen of the United States or of the Philippine Islands, resident in the Philippine Islands, as the third member of the board: *And provided further*, That whenever the office of third member of the board becomes vacant during the term by death, removal, resignation, or other cause, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment made by the Governor-General, with the consent of the Philippine Commission.

SEC. 2. It shall not be necessary for the third member of the provincial board to reside at the capital of the province or to establish an office in the provincial building, but he shall be required to be present at the sessions of the board and to perform his duties as a member thereof: *Provided, however*, That by a unanimous resolution of the provincial board, setting forth the grounds upon which it is adopted, and approved by the Governor-General, such third member may, for the time specified in said resolution, be required to perform the duties of provincial treasurer, or any ministerial duty required by the board.

SEC. 3. The third member of the provincial board shall receive a compensation, to be fixed by resolution of the provincial board, of not less than five nor more than fifteen pesos for each day of actual attendance at the sessions of the board. When