

[Act No. 1413, November 23, 1905]

AN ACT ANNEXING THE PROVINCE OF MASBATE TO THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, AND AMENDING ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-FOUR, AS AMENDED BY MAKING THE PROVINCES OF ALBAY AND SORSOGON SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The territory heretofore comprised in the Province of Masbate as organized under Act Numbered One hundred and five is hereby annexed to and included in the Province of Sorsogon, and shall be governed in accordance with the provisions of Act Numbered One hundred and twenty-four, entitled "An Act extending the provisions of the Provincial Government Act to the Province of Sorsogon."

SEC. 2. All property and assets of the Province of Masbate, including uncollected taxes, except as hereinafter provided, and all proper contracts and obligations, except such as are hereinafter specifically referred to as canceled, are hereby transferred to the Province of Sorsogon.

SEC. 3. All provincial funds in the treasury of Masbate, of whatever nature, on the date of the passage of this Act, and any other provincial funds which may be paid into the treasury of the province prior to the date this Act takes effect, shall be expended in the liquidation of the outstanding indebtedness of the Province of Masbate and in the payment of the general running expenses of the provincial government up to January first, nineteen hundred and six. The balance, if any, remaining in the provincial treasury on January first, nineteen hundred and six, after all outstanding indebtedness has been paid, shall remain in the subtreasury of Masbate for the sole use and benefit of the inhabitants of the subprovince of Masbate.

SEC. 4. The loan of two thousand five hundred dollars, United States currency, made by the Insular Government to the Province of Masbate under the provisions of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-four, the date of payment of which was postponed by Act Numbered Five hundred and ninety-four, and which has never been paid, is hereby declared canceled.

SEC. 5. The territory hereby annexed to the Province of Sorsogon hereafter shall be known as the subprovince of Masbate.

There shall be a lieutenant-governor for the said subprovince of Masbate, who shall be appointed by the Governor-General, by and with the consent of the Philippine Commission. He shall have his office in the municipality of Masbate and shall receive an annual salary not to exceed one thousand four hundred and forty pesos, payable monthly from funds of the subprovince hereinafter provided for; he shall represent the provincial governor in the subprovince and shall carry out the lawful directions of that official as transmitted to him from time to time; he shall inspect the municipalities in the subprovince at least once every six months and shall make report to the provincial board, through the provincial governor; he shall from time to