[Act No. 1097, March 30, 1904]

AN ACT RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM CHARGES UPON THE BONDS OF BONDED INSULAR, PROVINCIAL, AND MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever the Insular Government shall enter into a contract with a fidelity company or companies for furnishing fidelity bonds for officers and employees of the insular, provincial, municipal, and city governments, who are required by law to give bond at a. specific rate for a specified time, the Insular Treasurer shall pay to such fidelity company or companies, or to their lawful representatives, the gross amount of the premium charged on all fidelity bonds executed by them on behalf of such governments under such contract, and shall collect from each officer or employee so bonded that portion of the premium charges on his bond as shall be determined by the Commission, and he shall collect from the provincial, municipal, or city government under which the officer is serving the balance of the premium which shall have been paid to the fidelity company or companies by the Insular Government. All collections on this account shall be deposited by the Insular Treasurer to the credit of the appropriation from which the original payment was made.

SEC. 2. All official bonds obtained under the provisions of a contract between the Insular Government and a fidelity company or companies shall be made payable to the Government of the Philippine Islands for the benefit of whom it, may concern, and shall be procured, through and filed in the office of the Insular Treasurer except; he bond of the Insular Treasurer, which shall be filed in the office of the Insular Auditor.

SEC. 3. Applications for provincial and municipal bonds shall he forwarded through the provincial treasurers who shall pay to the Insular Treasurer the premium thereon chargeable to the province or Municipality, and the amounts so paid shall be a proper charge against the revenues of the respective province or municipality. A municipal official, serving as such only, required to give bond, may secure the same from the Government's official surety company through the Insular Treasurer, and in such cases the provisions of section eight of Act Numbered One hundred and eighty-three, providing for approval, and of section seventeen of Act Numbered Eighty-two, providing for approval and filing of the bonds, shall not be applicable.

When an official is acting in the dual capacity of deputy provincial. treasurer and municipal treasurer, he shall be required to secure bond in such dual capacity from the Government's official surety company through the Insular Treasurer, and in such cases the provisions of section seventeen of Act Numbered Eighty-two shall not be applicable: the provincial board shall fix the amount of such bond upon recommendation of the provincial treasurer, and the latter shall determine the portion of premium chargeable to the province and to the municipality; *Provided*, That not more than fifty per centum or less than forty per centum of the amount shall be chargeable to the municipality.

SEC. 4. An official or employee who shall furnish surety as provided in this Act shall