

[Act No. 1224, August 31, 1904]

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE COURT OF LAND REGISTRATION SHALL HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER LANDS SITUATED IN THE PROVINCES OF LEPANTO-BONTOC, BENGUET, PARAGUA, AND NUEVA VIZCAYA, OR IN THE MORO PROVINCE, EXCEPT IN CERTAIN SPECIAL CASES.

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

SECTION 1. The Court of Land Registration shall not hereafter take cognizance of or have jurisdiction over applications for the registration of title to land or buildings, or an interest therein, under the provisions of Act Numbered Four hundred and ninety-six, entitled "The Land Registration Act," and the amendments hereof, in any case where the land or buildings are situated within Provinces of Lepanto-Bontoc, Benguet, Paragua, and Nueva Vizcaya or The Moro Province, except in the cases hereinafter stated, anything in said Act Numbered Four hundred and ninety-six to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided, however,* That said court may take jurisdiction over applications for registration of title to land under said Act as to lands situated in the district of Zamboanga in the Moro Province: *And provided further,* That said court may take jurisdiction over applications for registration of title to land in all cases coming within the provisions of Acts Numbered Six hundred and twenty-seven, Six hundred and forty-eight and Eleven hundred and thirty-eight, entitled, respectively, "An Act to bring immediately under the operation of The Land Registration Act all lands lying within the boundaries lawfully set apart for military reservations, and all lands desired to be purchased by the Government of the United States for military purposes," "An Act authorizing the Civil Governor to reserve for civil public purposes, and from sale or settlement, any part of the public domain not appropriated by law for special public purposes, until otherwise directed by law, and extending the provisions of Act Numbered Six hundred and twenty-seven so that public lands desired to be reserved by the Insular Government for public uses, or private lands desired to be purchased by the Insular Government for such uses, may be brought under the operation of The Land Registration Act," and "An Act to bring immediately under the operation of The Land Registration Act all lands lying within the boundaries lawfully set apart for naval reservations, and all lands desired to be purchased by the Government of the United States for naval purposes," although the lands affected by such proceedings may be situated in one or more of the provinces aforesaid: *And provided further,* That said court may take cognizance of applications for registration of title to land situated in any one of the provinces aforesaid, in accordance with the provisions of Act Numbered Nine hundred and twenty-six, entitled "The Public Land Act," whenever said Public Land Act shall be applied to such province by resolutions of the Philippine Commission, in accordance with the provisions of section seventy-eight of said Public Land Act, in cases where the Philippine Commission, by resolution, shall put in force in said province those provisions of The Public Land Act which authorize action by the Court of Land Registration: *And provided further,* That said court may have jurisdiction over applications for registration of title to land situated in any of the provinces aforesaid whenever the applicant has received a written royal grant, decree, or title to such land from the Kingdom of Spain, and shall file such royal grant, decree, or title with his application for registration.