

[Act No. 590, January 09, 1903]

AN ACT SO AMENDING ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR RELATING TO PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES BY JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, AND PORTIONS OF GENERAL ORDER NUMBERED FIFTY-EIGHT, AS TO AUTHORIZE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN THE CAPITALS OF PROVINCES TO HOLD PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS IN REGARD TO OFFENSES ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED IN ANY PORTION OF THE PROVINCE.

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

SECTION 1. Act Numbered One hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act conferring jurisdiction on justices of the peace and presidentes to make preliminary investigations of criminal offenses, and amending General Order Numbered Fifty-eight of the Military Governor of the year nineteen hundred," is hereby amended by adding as section seven thereof the following:

"SEC. 7. The justice of the peace of the pueblo which is the capital of the province, or of the pueblo in which the provincial jail is situated, shall have, in addition to the jurisdiction hereinbefore conferred upon every justice of the peace, authority to make preliminary investigation of any crime alleged to have been committed anywhere within the province, jurisdiction to hear and determine which is by law now vested in the Courts of First Instance; to issue orders of arrest in such case upon complaint duly filed; to admit persons arrested to bail and to commit the same for trial before the Court of First Instance with respect to crimes alleged to have been committed anywhere within the province; and the procedure hereinbefore provided for the exercise of such jurisdiction within the municipality of the justice shall govern his procedure with respect to crimes committed anywhere with the province, and the process from his court, either for the arrest of the accused person or for the summoning of witnesses, shall run and have effect throughout the province."

SEC. 2. 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. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, January 9, 1903.



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