

[Act No. 585, January 08, 1903]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION EIGHT OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ACT, NUMBERED EIGHTY-THREE, BY PROVIDING FOR THE FILLING OF PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR.

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

SECTION 1. Section eight of Act Numbered Eighty-three, entitled "A general Act for the organization of provincial governments in the Philippine Islands," as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence of said section, which is in the words following, to wit: "In case of a vacancy in the office of governor, or the absence of the governor from the province, the secretary shall discharge the duties of the governor during such vacancy or absence or until the vacancy shall be filled as hereinafter provided," and substituting in lieu of such sentence the following: "In case of a vacancy in the office of governor by the absence of the governor from the province, or in ease of the suspension of the provincial governor by the Civil Governor of the Islands, as provided in Act Numbered Two hundred and forty-five, the provincial secretary shall discharge the duties of the provincial governor during such vacancy or absence or suspension, or until the vacancy shall be filled as directed by law: *Provided, however,* That if in the judgment of the Civil Governor the public interest demands, the vacancy thus created may be filled by a person to be specially appointed by the Civil Governor instead of by the secretary of the province. Whenever the governor of a province shall leave the capital thereof for a temporary absence for the purpose of inspecting the towns of his province or for any other purpose, he may, if he thinks that the public interest requires it, delegate to the secretary of the province, by a proper writing, the power lo perform such of his duties as governor as can only conveniently be performed at the capital of the province. Such written delegation shall be spread upon the records of the province to evidence the authority of the secretary to perform such acts of the governor as he may be required to perform after such a delegation."

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 8, 1903.



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