

[Act No. 638, February 16, 1903]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CIVIL GOVERNOR TO APPOINT AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AND A HYDRAULIC ENGINEER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE WATER POWER AT THE BOTOCAN WATERFALL IN THE PROVINCE OF LA LAGUNA, NEAR MAJAYJAY, INTO ELECTRICAL CURRENT TO BE CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF MANILA.

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

SECTION 1. The Civil Governor is hereby authorized and directed to appoint, by and with the consent of the Commission, an electrical engineer and a hydraulic engineer, the first at a compensation not exceeding four hundred dollars per month, and the second at a compensation not exceeding three hundred dollars per month, for the purposes described in the following section. The terms of the contract of employment of such engineers with reference to the payment of their expenses for travel and subsistence from the United States to Manila and return shall be fixed in writing by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 2. The electrical engineer and the hydraulic engineer shall jointly make survey of the Dalituan River at Botocan Falls, near the town of Lusiana and the town of Majayjay, for the purpose of determining the feasibility of erecting a plant to convert the water power into electricity to be conveyed thence to the city of Manila. These engineers shall measure the volume and flow of the water, determining the practicability of the construction of a tunnel which shall turn the water from an adjoining watershed into the Dalituan River and thus increase the flow of water, determine the proper location of the electrical plant, the cost of the erection of the same, the survey of the roads from the Botocan waterfall which must be constructed to make the improvement possible, the amount of horsepower in electricity which can be generated and conveyed to the city of Manila, the time in which the improvement can be constructed, and all other details with reference to the improvement which shall enable the Commission to make a proper report to Congress, and to ask the power to issue bonds for the construction of such a plant.

SEC. 3. As soon as the plans and specifications are completed and presented to the Civil Governor, he is authorized to terminate the employment of the engineers appointed hereunder.

SEC. 4. 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. 5. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, February 16, 1903.
