

[ Act No. 723, April 07, 1903 ]

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF  
TELEGRAPH OPERATORS AND OFFICERS IN THE BUREAU OF  
PHILIPPINES CONSTABULARY, AND AMENDING ACTS  
NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE, FOUR HUNDRED  
AND NINETY, AND FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE.**

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

SECTION 1. The Chief of Philippines Constabulary is hereby authorized to employ as many telegraph operators, not to exceed twenty, and as many linemen, not to exceed ten, as may be necessary to meet the necessities which may arise in gradually taking over from the Army of the United States the control of telegraph lines in the Philippine Archipelago.

SEC. 2. Section five of Act Numbered One hundred and seventy-five, providing for the organization and government of an Insular Constabulary and for the inspection of the Municipal Police, as amended, is hereby further amended by creating the position of sixth assistant chief of the Philippines Constabulary, who shall be appointed by the Civil Governor, by and with the consent of the Commission, who shall receive the same compensation as provided by law for other assistant chiefs, and whose duties shall be those prescribed in said section five of Act Numbered One hundred and seventy-five, as amended, for assistant chiefs of Constabulary.

SEC. 3. The Chief of Philippines Constabulary is hereby authorized to increase the number of officers in the Philippines Constabulary over the number now provided for by law, so that there may be five additional officers appointed in each grade, the total maximum number to be as follows: Forty-seven captains and inspectors, fifty first lieutenants and inspectors, seventy second lieutenants and inspectors, eighty third lieutenants and inspectors, and forty-five subinspectors.

SEC. 4. Any provisions contained in Acts Numbered Four hundred and ninety and Five hundred and ninety-five, under the heading "Bureau of Philippines Constabulary," which may be in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. Appropriations made under Act Numbered Five hundred and ninety-five, under the head of "Pay of Philippines Constabulary, nineteen hundred and three," are hereby rendered available for the payment of the increased number of officers and employees in the Philippines Constabulary for the remainder of the fiscal year nineteen hundred and three.

SEC. 6. There is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, United States currency, for pay of Philippines Constabulary, nineteen hundred and three, the same to be expended in addition to the amount appropriated in Act Numbered Five hundred and ninety-five for pay of Philippines Constabulary, in the payment of the force herein authorized for the remainder of the fiscal year nineteen hundred and three.

SEC. 7. 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;