

[Act No. 781, June 01, 1903]

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE, ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF AN INSULAR CONSTABULARY AND FOR THE INSPECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE, AND ACTS NUMBERED SIX HUNDRED AND TEN, SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN, AND SIX HUNDRED AND NINETEEN AMENDATORY THEREOF".

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

SECTION 1. The Civil Governor, or the provincial governor, with the approval of the Civil Governor, is hereby authorized, whenever in his judgment the public interest will be subserved thereby to place the municipal police of the respective municipalities of any province under the control of the senior inspector of Constabulary on duty in the province at the time. The senior inspector in such case is hereby authorized and empowered, under the general supervision of the provincial governor, to control and direct the movements of the municipal police and, with the approval of the provincial governor, to discharge any member of the police force and substitute a fit and suitable resident of the municipality in his place. It shall be the duty of the senior inspector when thus placed in charge of the municipal police of province to see that they are properly uniformed, drilled, and disciplined. When thus vested with authority over the municipal police he shall see that all lawful orders of the provincial governor, municipal president, and others in authority are executed as provided by the Municipal Code, and amendments thereof, and shall further see that all proper arrests are made for violations of law or municipal ordinances, and in case of emergencies is authorized, under the general supervision of the provincial governor, to unite the forces of the various municipalities of the province in suppressing larceny or brigandage or other grave violations of the law which threaten the peace of the entire community; and he may also unite the Constabulary forces under his command with the municipal forces in the execution of his authority for this purpose.

SEC. 2. It is hereby made the duty of the provincial board of each and every province to prescribe a suitable uniform for the municipal police of each and every municipality, with a proper insignia to indicate the municipality to which the police belong. Authority is also hereby given the provincial board of each province to fix the number of police which is required to be maintained by each and every municipality of the province. In the event that the provincial board shall find that any municipality is unable properly to uniform and maintain the number of policemen fixed by the provincial board, the latter is authorized to vote necessary aid for the maintenance of such police out of provincial funds. In the event the provincial board should not have provincial funds adequate for this purpose it may apply to the Commission for aid in this behalf.

SEC. 3. Whenever the Chief of Philippines Constabulary shall report to the Civil Governor that in any province the efficiency of the Constabulary of the province is being interfered with by frivolous arrests and unfounded prosecutions leading to the imprisonment of members of the Constabulary and their unnecessary detention from duty, it shall be in the power of the Civil Governor, if he finds the report to be well founded, by executive order to make the following section numbered four