

[Act No. 854, August 26, 1903]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EDUCATION OF FILIPINO STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND APPROPRIATING FOR SUCH PURPOSE THE SUM OF SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS, IN MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES.

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

SECTION 1. In each of the school divisions of the Archipelago examinations to secure a list of students best qualified to receive and profit by a course of instruction and education in the United States shall be held under the direction of the division superintendents on or before the thirty-first of March in each year hereafter. Candidates for examination must be students of the public schools and natives of the Philippine Islands, of good moral character, sound physical condition, and not less than sixteen nor more than twenty-one years of age. Full report of such examinations shall be made by division superintendents to the General Superintendent of Education, who shall certify to the Civil Governor, through the Secretary of Public Instruction, as eligible for appointment as Government students to be educated in the United States all candidates receiving a percentage of not less than seventy-five in each subject of examination. The Civil Governor may appoint from the number so certified such a number of students as may be prescribed by resolution of the Commission, designating in the appointment of each the school, college, university, or other educational institution in the United States to which the student will be sent for education at the expense of the Government of the Philippine Islands. With the approval of the Commission the Civil Governor may designate and appoint for special instruction in the United States twenty-five students at large and not included in said certified list, but such students shall be natives of the Philippine Islands, not more than twenty-five years of age, of good moral character, and in sound physical condition.

SEC. 2. The Civil Governor may, of his own motion, with or without competitive examination, as he may elect, select and appoint for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and four one hundred students to be educated in the United States at the expense of the Government of the Philippine Islands. Of said one hundred students, thirteen shall be selected and appointed for instruction in agriculture and the useful mechanical arts and sciences and twelve for such course of special instruction, approved by the Civil Governor, as they may elect. The students so selected and appointed by the Governor shall be students of the public schools and natives of the Philippine islands, of good moral character, sound physical condition, and not less than sixteen nor more than twenty-one years of age: *Provided, however,* That natives of the Philippine Islands, of good moral character, sound physical condition, and not exceeding twenty-five years of age may be selected and appointed by the Civil Governor for a course of special instruction.

SEC. 3. After his selection and before his appointment each student shall be subjected to a thorough physical examination by a physician designated by the Civil Governor, and the appointment of such student; shall be dependent on the favorable report of the Oath of allegiance, physician so designated. Each student receiving an appointment shall be required to take the oath of allegiance to the Government of the United States, and to sign an agreement, approved by his parents or guardian if