

[Act No. 523, November 17, 1902]

AN ACT REPEALING SECTION FORTY-FOUR OF ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX, AMENDING SECTION FORTY-FIVE OF SAID ACT BY PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE OPINIONS OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, AND AMENDING SECTION FORTY-SEVEN OF SAID ACT, AS AMENDED BY ACTS NUMBERED THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE AND THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT, BY PROVIDING FOR FIVE ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS AND FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

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

SECTION 1. Section forty-four of Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six, entitled "An Act providing for the organization of courts in the Philippine Islands," is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. Section forty-five, subsection (i), of said Act Numbered One hundred and thirty-six is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"(i) The Attorney-General shall give his opinion in writing to the legislative body of the Islands, the Chief Executive, the heads of the four Executive Departments, and the Chiefs of the Bureaus organized thereunder, the trustee of any Government institution, and any provincial fiscal, when requested in writing, upon any question of law relating to their respective offices. All opinions rendered by the Solicitor-General shall be signed by him and approved by the Attorney-General, and shall have the same force and effect as opinions signed by the Attorney-General. All other opinions shall be signed by the Attorney-General. The Attorney-General shall, under the supervision of the Secretary of Finance and Justice, from time to time, edit or cause to be edited, such of the opinions of his office as the Secretary of Finance and Justice may deem valuable for preservation in volumes, and cause to be printed by the Public Printer of the Philippine Islands, in the English and Spanish languages, an edition of five hundred copies thereof, which volumes shall contain not less than seven hundred and fifty pages of printed matter, and, as to quality of paper, printing, and binding, shall be uniform in style and appearance with the Philippine Reports, and shall be numbered in the order of the volumes published. Each volume shall contain proper head-notes, a full and complete index, and such footnotes as the Attorney-General may approve. The volumes, when printed, shall be delivered to the Librarian of the Philippine Commission, who shall deliver one copy to the Chief Executive of the Islands, to the head of each of the four Executive Departments of the Government of the Philippine Islands, to the Chief of each Bureau organized thereunder, to each judge of a Court of First Instance, to each provincial secretary, to the clerk of the Supreme Court, to each provincial fiscal, to the City Attorney of the city of Manila, to the Prosecuting Attorney of the city of Manila, and two copies to the Supreme Court Library, which volumes shall not be sold or