

[Act No. 245, September 30, 1901]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION NINETEEN OF ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY-THREE, PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS.

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

SECTION.1. Section nineteen of Act Numbered Eighty-three, the Provincial Government Act, is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following is substituted as section nineteen of said Act:

"Should the Civil Governor have reason to believe that any provincial officer is guilty of disloyalty, dishonesty, oppression, or misconduct in office, he may suspend him from the discharge of the duties of his office, and, after due notice to the suspended officer, shall investigate the cause of suspension and either remove him, with the advice and consent of the Commission, from office, or reinstate him, as the circumstances may require; pending the suspension of the provincial officer the Civil Governor shall have the power temporarily to appoint a person who shall in the interim discharge the duties of the suspended officer, and in case the suspended officer is a treasurer, to make such provision with respect to the bond of the temporarily to appointee as may to him seem wise. The temporary appointee shall receive the same compensation as is given by law to the permanent appointee, to be paid from the provincial treasury as other salaries. In case the suspension results in a removal, the removed appointee shall not receive any compensation from and after the date of his suspension. Should he be reinstated, it shall be in the discretion of the Civil Governor to direct that his compensation during the period of his suspension shall be withheld or paid from the provincial treasury. Suspension or removal under this section shall not prevent the institution of criminal proceedings against the person suspended or removed. Every provincial officer shall be subject to prosecution, for a criminal act committed by him, in courts of the First Instance in the same manner as any other person."

SEC. 2. 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. 3. This Act shall take effect on its Passage.

Enacted. September 30, 1901.



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