

[Act No. 268, October 18, 1901]

AN ACT CREATING A BUREAU OF ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created, under the Department of Public Instruction, a Bureau of Architecture and Construction of Public Buildings, which shall have charge of the construction and repair of public buildings belonging to the Insular Government, and of such other buildings or proposed buildings as may be assigned to it by the Civil Governor.

SEC. 2. There shall be a Chief of the Bureau of Architecture and Construction of Public Buildings, who shall receive an annual salary of four thousand dollars, payable monthly in money of the United States.

SEC. 3. The duties of the Chief of the Bureau of Architecture and Construction of Public Buildings shall be:

To make all necessary plans and specifications for the construction and repair of public buildings and to send these plans and specifications, with estimate of cost, through the Secretary of Public Instruction, to the Civil Governor for his approval, and when approved by the Governor they shall be presented to the Commission with a requisition for an appropriation or appropriations for their execution. To provide, in cases where it is required that work shall be done under contract, all means necessary for obtaining bids for the work to be done and to accept bids and award contracts, subject to the approval of the Civil Governor. To superintend, either in person or through an officer of the Bureau appointed for that purpose, all the work of constructing and repairing public buildings authorized by the Insular Government.

SEC. 4. The following employees of the Bureau of Architecture and Construction, in addition to the Chief of the Bureau, are hereby authorized: One superintendent of construction, class seven; one chief clerk, class eight; two clerks, class nine; three draftsmen, Class D; and one messenger, Class I.

SEC. 5. 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. 6. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, October 18, 1901.

