

[Commonwealth Act No. 348, August 19, 1938]

AN ACT AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES AND JUDGES-AT-LARGE OF FIRST INSTANCE, TO ALTER THE TIMES AND PLACES OF HOLDING COURTS IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS, AND TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF JUDGES AND JUDGES-AT-LARGE OF FIRST INSTANCE, AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE NECESSARY FUNDS.

.Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. The second, third, and seventh paragraphs of section one hundred and fifty-four of the Administrative Code, as amended by Commonwealth Act Numbered One; hundred and forty-five, are further amended so as to read as follows:

"Four judges shall be commissioned for the Second Judicial District.. Two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Pangasinan; one judge, with permanent residence in Baguio, shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of the Province of La Union, the City of Baguio, and the Mountain Province, except Apayao; and another judge, with permanent residence in the Province of Bataan, shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Bataan and Zambales. The Court of First Instance of Baguio shall try and hear all cases coming from the Subprovince of Benguet, Mountain Province, in the City of Baguio.

"Six judges shall be commissioned for the Third Judicial District. Two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Nueva Ecija; two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Pampanga; and the others shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of, and reside in the Province of Tarlac, and Bulacan, respectively.

"Seven judges shall be commissioned for the Seventh Judicial District. Three judges, with residence in Iloilo, shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Iloilo and Antique; two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Occidental Negros; one judge, with residence in the Province of Capiz, shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Capiz and Romblon; and another judge, with residence in the Province of Oriental Negros, shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Oriental Negros and Siquijor."

SEC. 2. Section one hundred and fifty-seven of the Administrative Code, as amended by Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred and forty-five, is further amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 157. *Judges-at-large*.—In addition to the judges mentioned in section one hundred and fifty-four hereof, as amended, there shall also be appointed twelve judges who shall not be assigned permanently to any judicial district and who shall render duty in such districts or provinces as may, from time to time, be designated by the Department Head."