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the purposes of this law in the city of Manila the duties which are herein made incumbent upon provincial boards and municipal councils shall be performed by the Municipal Board of said city, and the duties imposed upon provincial treasurers and municipal secretaries shall be performed by the secretary of said Board. Should any member of the Municipal Board be a candidate for office in any election, he shall be incompetent to act upon the board in the discharge of the duties incumbent upon it in respect to such election, and in such case the other members of the Board shall discharge said duties without his assistance, or if the membership of the Board is unduly depleted, the Governor-General may name some disinterested elector of the city to act on the Board in such matters in his stead.

[1582-2; 2606.]

SECTION 491. *Participation of Township in Election Hereunder.* — All townships entitled to participate in the election of any public officer in conformity with the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to be municipalities within the meaning hereof; and for the accomplishment of the requirements of this law, township councils and township officials shall discharge the duties herein made incumbent upon similar municipal functionaries, except that the powers conferred upon municipal councils in respect to the appointment of the board of inspectors and the establishment of election precincts shall be exercised by the provincial board; and it shall be the duty of the provincial board to exercise these powers sufficiently in advance of the times herein prescribed to make sure the accomplishment of the purposes of this law.

In the regularly organized provinces only the township of San Quintin in Ilocos Sur shall participate in the election of Assemblymen and provincial officers, and the other townships contained in said provinces shall be governed, in the election of township officers, by the provisions of sections two thousand two hundred ninety-eight to two thousand three hundred and five of this Code.

[2045-3; 2498-1.]

SECTION 492. *Electoral Relations of Outlying Community Endowed with Franchise.* — When the right to exercise the elective franchise in the election of members of the Philippine Legislature or of any provincial officer is conferred by law upon the inhabitants of any outlying settlement, barrio, or district not forming a part of an organized municipality or township, such settlement, barrio, or district shall, for election purposes only, be considered a part of the township or municipality to which it is contiguous or to which it is most conveniently accessible, to be determined by the provincial board.