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[82-26.]

Other appointive municipal officers shall hold until resignation or removal from office according to law.

SECTION 2125. *Change of Territory as Affecting Tenure of Office.* — When a part of a barrio is detached from a municipality to form a new municipality or to be added to an existing Municipality any officer of the old municipality living in the detached territory may continue to hold his office and exert the functions thereof for the remainder of his term; but if he is resident of a barrio the whole of which is detached, his office shall be deemed to be vacated.

[1582-4.]

SECTION 2126. *Vacancies in Municipal Office.* — Vacancies occurring in elective municipal offices shall be filled as follows:

- (a) In case of the president, by the vice-president, or if there be no vice-president, by the councilor who at the last general election received the highest number of votes.
- (b) In case of the vice-president, by the councilor who at the last general election received the highest number of votes.
- (c) In the case of a councilor, by the person who received at the last general election the number of votes next below that of the votes received by the elected councilor who received the fewest votes, or if such person should for any reason be then unavailable or disqualified for the office, by the person following him in the number of votes received at such election.
- (d) In any case for which special provision is not made, by a qualified elector of the municipality to be thereunto designated by the provincial governor, with the approval of the provincial board, after recommendation by the municipal council.

A person thus called to fill a vacancy shall hold for the unexpired term and until the qualification of a successor.

[303-1 (g); 2045-4; 2500-1.]

SECTION 2127. *Declaration of Vacancy in Elective Municipal Office.* — Should any elective municipal officer become permanently incapacitated for the proper discharge of his duties during his term of office, through accident or