
and such other information as may reasonably be required affecting their fitness for the service.

[1698-3 (m).]

SECTION 713. *Oath of Applicant for Examination.* — Before admission to a civil-service examination in the Philippine Islands, every applicant shall take and subscribe an oath, in such form as shall be prescribed in the civil-service rules, wherein the affiant shall declare that he recognizes and accepts the supreme authority of the United States of America and will maintain true faith and allegiance thereto; that he will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by its duly constituted authorities; that the obligation in posed by such oath is assumed voluntarily, without mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that the answer to the questions contained in his application for examination are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

[1698-12.]

SECTION 714. *Use of Public Buildings for Civil-Service Examinations.* — When examination are held, either in Manila or in the provinces, the officers having custody of public buildings shall allow the reasonable use thereof for such purpose and shall provide for furnishing and lighting the same.

[1698-4, Civil Service Rules, III, 7.]

ARTICLE IV

Appointment to Civil Service

SECTION 715. *Appointment of Chief, Assistant Chief, and Superintendent.* — Appointments to the position of chief or assistant chief of a Bureau or Office and to the position of superintendent shall be made by the promotion of persons already in the civil service, if there be such who are component and available and who in the judgment of the appointing power possess the qualifications required.

[1698-7.]

SECTION 716. *Preferences in Selection from Lists of Eligibles.* — In making selections from lists or certified eligibles furnished by the Director, appointing officers shall, when other qualifications are equal, prefer:

First. Citizens of the Philippine Islands.

Secondly. Honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines of the United