
SECTION 1283. *Additional Counsel to Assist Attorney-General.* — The Attorney-General shall, when in his opinion the public interest requires it, upon the approval of the Secretary of Finance and Justice, employ and retain in the name of the Government of the Philippine Islands such attorneys as he may deem necessary to assist him in the discharge of his duties. Such attorneys shall be entitled to travel expenses, if incurred, and such compensation as shall be stipulated for.

[523-3.]

SECTION 1284. *Authority of Officers to Administer Oaths and Take Testimony.* — The Attorney-General, the Solicitor-General, the assistant attorneys of the Bureau of Justice and provincial fiscals are authorized to administer oaths in matters of official business. The Attorney-General and Solicitor-General and any assistant attorney or provincial fiscal thereunto especially deputed by the Attorney-General shall have further authority to take testimony in any matter or investigation within the competency of the Bureau of Justice.

SECTION 1285. *Annual Report of Attorney-General.* — The annual report of the Attorney-General shall, among other things, contain a statement of the conditions affecting the administration of justice throughout the Islands and an account of public litigation pending in the courts.

[1699-1; Comp., 107.]

ARTICLE II

Estates of Government Employees

SECTION 1286. *Settlement of Estates of Deceased Employees.* — When a citizen of the United States who is an employee of the Philippine Government or who is a civilian employee of the United States in the Philippine Islands shall die, leaving property in said Islands, either real or personal, not exceeding one thousand five hundred pesos in value, the Attorney-General shall, if no regular administration of his estate is had, take possession of such estate, make a complete inventory thereof, and file the same with the Insular Auditor.

[1407-18 (b); 2136-1.]

He shall thereupon proceed to ascertain by the best means within his power the names and residences of the persons who are lawfully entitled to the estate, and shall proceed to settle the same and to dispose of the assets in accordance herewith.

[290-1; 2136-1.]