

Escape of prisoner.
Criminal code provisions applicable.
U. S. C., p. 477.

SEC. 4. The provisions of section 244 of title 18 of the United States Code are hereby made applicable to proceedings in extradition instituted in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Approved, March 22, 1934.

[CHAPTER 84.]

AN ACT

March 24, 1934.
[H. R. 8573.]
[Public, No. 127.]

To provide for the complete independence of the Philippine Islands, to provide for the adoption of a constitution and a form of government for the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

CONVENTION TO FRAME CONSTITUTION FOR PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Philippine Independence Act.
Constitutional convention.
Election of delegates.

SECTION 1. The Philippine Legislature is hereby authorized to provide for the election of delegates to a constitutional convention, which shall meet in the hall of the house of representatives in the capital of the Philippine Islands, at such time as the Philippine Legislature may fix, but not later than October 1, 1934, to formulate and draft a constitution for the government of the Commonwealth of the Philippine Islands, subject to the conditions and qualifications prescribed in this Act, which shall exercise jurisdiction over all the territory ceded to the United States by the treaty of peace concluded between the United States and Spain on the 10th day of December 1898, the boundaries of which are set forth in article III of said treaty, together with those islands embraced in the treaty between Spain and the United States concluded at Washington on the 7th day of November 1900. The Philippine Legislature shall provide for the necessary expenses of such convention.

Territory included.
Vol. 30, p. 1755.

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Expenses.

CHARACTER OF CONSTITUTION—MANDATORY PROVISIONS

Character of Constitution, etc.
Form and contents.

SEC. 2. (a) The constitution formulated and drafted shall be republican in form, shall contain a bill of rights, and shall, either as a part thereof or in an ordinance appended thereto, contain provisions to the effect that, pending the final and complete withdrawal of the sovereignty of the United States over the Philippine Islands—

Mandatory provisions.

Allegiance

(1) All citizens of the Philippine Islands shall owe allegiance to the United States.

Oath of office, etc.

(2) Every officer of the government of the Commonwealth of the Philippine Islands shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, take and subscribe an oath of office, declaring, among other things, that he recognizes and accepts the supreme authority of and will maintain true faith and allegiance to the United States.

Religious toleration.

(3) Absolute toleration of religious sentiment shall be secured and no inhabitant or religious organization shall be molested in person or property on account of religious belief or mode of worship.

Church, etc., property tax free.

(4) Property owned by the United States, cemeteries, churches, and parsonages or convents appurtenant thereto, and all lands, buildings, and improvements used exclusively for religious, charitable, or educational purposes shall be exempt from taxation.

Trade relations with United States.
Post, p. 459.

(5) Trade relations between the Philippine Islands and the United States shall be upon the basis prescribed in section 6.

Public debt.

(6) The public debt of the Philippine Islands and its subordinate branches shall not exceed limits now or hereafter fixed by the Congress of the United States; and no loans shall be contracted in foreign countries without the approval of the President of the United States.