

SUBCHAPTER II—THE EXECUTIVE AND  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

**§§ 771 to 793. Repealed. July 3, 1950, ch. 446,  
§ 5(2), 64 Stat. 320**

Section 771, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 12, 39 Stat. 950; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158; Aug. 5, 1947, ch. 490, § 1, 61 Stat. 770, related to election, tenure of office, and qualifications of governor.

Section 771a, act Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 12a, as added Aug. 5, 1947, ch. 490, § 2, 61 Stat. 771, related to impeachment of governor.

Section 772, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 24, 39 Stat. 958; Aug. 5, 1947, ch. 490, § 4, 61 Stat. 771, related to succession to office of governor.

Section 773, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 13, 39 Stat. 955; Feb. 18, 1931, ch. 218, § 1, 46 Stat. 1168, related to executive departments.

Section 774, act Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 37, 39 Stat. 964, prohibited Legislature from creating new departments but authorized their consolidation or abolition.

Section 775, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 13, 39 Stat. 955; Feb. 18, 1931, ch. 218, § 1, 46 Stat. 1168; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158; Aug. 5, 1947, ch. 490, § 3, 61 Stat. 771, related to appointment and tenure of office of heads of departments.

Section 776, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 13, 39 Stat. 956; Feb. 18, 1931, ch. 218, § 1, 46 Stat. 1168; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, related to residence requirement for heads of departments.

Section 777, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 13, 39 Stat. 956; Feb. 18, 1931, ch. 218, § 1, 46 Stat. 1168, related to executive council and its duties and compensation.

Section 778, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 14, 39 Stat. 956; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, related to duties of Attorney General.

Section 779, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 22, 39 Stat. 958; June 27, 1924, ch. 322, § 2, 43 Stat. 631; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158; June 24, 1948, ch. 610, § 6, 62 Stat. 580, related to powers and duties of executive secretary.

Section 780, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 15, 39 Stat. 956; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, related to powers and duties of Treasurer, including designation of depositaries.

Section 781, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 15, 39 Stat. 956; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, required Treasurer to give a bond not less than \$125,000.

Section 782, act Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 16, 39 Stat. 956, related to duties of Commissioner of the Interior.

Section 783, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 17, 39 Stat. 956; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, related to duties of Commissioner of Education.

Section 784, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 18, 39 Stat. 957; Feb. 18, 1931, ch. 218, § 2, 46 Stat. 1168; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, related to duties of Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.

Section 784a, act Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 18a, as added Feb. 18, 1931, ch. 218, § 3, 46 Stat. 1169, and amended May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, related to duties of Commissioner of Labor.

Section 785, act Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 19, 39 Stat. 957, related to duties of Commissioner of Health.

Section 786, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 20, 39 Stat. 957; June 7, 1924, ch. 322, § 1, 43 Stat. 631; Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 503, § 3, 44 Stat. 1419; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158; June 24, 1948, ch. 610, § 5, 62 Stat. 580, related to appointment, compensation and term of office of Auditor and his powers and duties, and provided for an assistant auditor and other necessary assistants and employees.

Section 787, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 20, 39 Stat. 957; Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 503, § 3, 44 Stat. 1419, related to jurisdiction of Auditor over accounts.

Section 788, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 20, 39 Stat. 957; June 10, 1921, ch. 18, §§ 301, 304, 42 Stat. 23 to 25; Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 503, § 3, 44 Stat. 1419, related to finality of decisions of Auditor and time for appeal therefrom, and vested such official with like authority as that conferred by law upon Comptroller General of the United States, with certain exceptions.

Section 789, act Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 21, 39 Stat. 958, related to appeals from decisions of Auditor to Governor.

Section 790, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 20, 39 Stat. 957; Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 503, § 3, 44 Stat. 1420, related to annual report of the fiscal concern of the government from Auditor to Governor and those other reports as may be required.

Section 791, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 20, 39 Stat. 957; Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 503, § 3, 44 Stat. 1419, authorized Auditor to summon witnesses, administer oaths, take evidence, etc.

Section 792, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 20, 39 Stat. 957; Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 503, § 3, 44 Stat. 1420, related to supervision of office of Auditor by Governor.

Section 793, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 20, 39 Stat. 957; Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 503, § 3, 44 Stat. 1419; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, related to performance of powers and duties of Auditor in case of a vacancy in the office or in his absence by the assistant auditor, or in the absence of that assistant, by an assistant designated by Governor.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal of sections 771 to 793 effective July 25, 1952, see note set out under section 732 of this title.

**§ 793a. Repealed. June 30, 1954, ch. 428, § 1, 68  
Stat. 336**

Section, act Mar. 2, 1934, ch. 37, § 4, 48 Stat. 361, created a Model Housing Board, and provided for construction and sale of model houses and for creation of a revolving "model housing fund".

DISPOSITION OF MONEYS IN REVOLVING FUND

Act June 30, 1954, ch. 428, § 2, 68 Stat. 336, authorized transfer of any moneys remaining in revolving model housing fund under this section to treasury of Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

**§ 793b. Repealed. July 3, 1950, ch. 446, § 5(2), 64  
Stat. 320**

Section, act Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 49b, as added Aug. 5, 1947, ch. 490, § 6, 61 Stat. 772, and amended June 24, 1948, ch. 610, § 1, 62 Stat. 579, provided for a Coordinator of Federal Agencies in Puerto Rico, his appointment, compensation and duties, and required President to prescribe rules and regulations to carry out provisions of former section 793 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective July 25, 1952, see note set out under section 732 of this title.

**§ 794. Official reports**

All reports required by law to be made by the governor or heads of departments to any official of the United States shall be made to an executive department of the Government of the United States to be designated by the President, and the President is authorized to place all matters pertaining to the government of Puerto Rico in the jurisdiction of such department.

(Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 11, 39 Stat. 955; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in act July 15, 1909, ch. 4, § 2, 36 Stat. 11.

CHANGE OF NAME

"Puerto Rico" substituted in text for "Porto Rico" pursuant to act May 17, 1932, which is classified to section 731a of this title.

EX. ORD. NO. 9383. COORDINATION OF FUNCTIONS AND POLICIES OF FEDERAL CIVIL AGENCIES IN PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Ex. Ord. No. 9383, eff. Oct. 5, 1943, 8 F.R. 13781, provided:

1. Each Federal civil agency performing services in Puerto Rico or in the Virgin Islands shall make current reports to the Secretary of the Interior concerning the work of such agency in such manner and form and at such times as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

2. The Secretary of the Interior shall make such recommendations to the heads of Federal civil agencies so reporting as may in his judgment serve to correlate the work of such agencies in Puerto Rico and in the Virgin Islands, eliminate unessential Federal activities, assist insular agencies to assume increasing responsibility in civil administration, meet more efficiently the needs of the people of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands for essential Federal services, and implement the policies of the United States with respect to its island possessions.

3. The Secretary of the Interior shall from time to time report to the President and to the Congress concerning the actions taken pursuant to this order.

4. This order shall not be applicable to United States District Judges, United States Attorneys, and United States Marshals.

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**§ 795. Government expenses payable out of revenues**

All expenses that may be incurred on account of the government of Puerto Rico for salaries of officials and the conduct of their offices and departments, and all expenses and obligations contracted for the internal improvement or development of the island, not, however, including defenses, barracks, harbors, lighthouses, buoys, and other works undertaken by the United States, shall, except as otherwise specifically provided by the Congress, be paid by the treasurer of Puerto Rico out of the revenue in his custody.

(Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 6, 39 Stat. 953; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in act Apr. 12, 1900, ch. 191, § 12, 31 Stat. 80, with the exception of the words "except as otherwise specifically provided by the Congress".

CHANGE OF NAME

"Puerto Rico" substituted in text for "Porto Rico" pursuant to act May 17, 1932, which is classified to section 731a of this title.

**§§ 796 to 799. Repealed. July 3, 1950, ch. 446, § 5(2), 64 Stat. 320**

Section 796, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 53, 39 Stat. 968; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, related to transfer of bureaus or offices.

Section 797, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 50, 39 Stat. 967; June 7, 1924, ch. 322, § 3, 43 Stat. 631; May 29, 1928, ch. 904, §§ 1, 2, 45 Stat. 997; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158; Aug. 5, 1947, ch. 490, § 5, 61 Stat. 771; June 24, 1948, ch. 610, § 2, 62 Stat. 579; Sept. 7, 1949, ch. 544, 63 Stat. 692, related to salaries and bonds of officials, and residence of governor.

Section 798, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 50, 39 Stat. 967; June 7, 1924, ch. 322, § 3, 43 Stat. 631; June 24, 1948, ch. 610, § 2, 62 Stat. 579; Sept. 7, 1949, ch. 544, 63 Stat. 692, related to payment of salaries, office expenses and bond premiums.

Section 799, act Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 51, 39 Stat. 967, provided for payment of municipal expenses from municipal revenues.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal of sections 796 to 799 effective July 25, 1952, see note set out under section 732 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER III—THE LEGISLATURE

**§§ 811 to 820. Repealed. July 3, 1950, ch. 446, § 5(2), 64 Stat. 320**

Section 811, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 25, 39 Stat. 958; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, vested all local legislative powers in Puerto Rico, with certain exceptions, in "Legislature of Puerto Rico", consisting of a "senate" and a "house of representatives".

Section 812, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 26, 39 Stat. 958; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, related to Senate of Puerto Rico, its members, election and powers.

Section 813, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 27, 39 Stat. 959; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, related to House of Representatives and its members and their election.

Section 814, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 28, 39 Stat. 959; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, provided for division of Puerto Rico into thirty-five representative and seven senatorial districts.

Section 814a, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 35, 39 Stat. 963; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, related to qualification of electors.

Section 815, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 29, 39 Stat. 959; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, provided for time of holding elections and revision of boundaries of senatorial and representative districts and municipalities.

Section 816, act Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 32, 39 Stat. 960, related to powers of senate and house of representatives, including determination of election and qualifications of members.

Section 817, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 33, 39 Stat. 960; Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 503, § 5, 44 Stat. 1420, provided for holding of annual sessions of legislature and time for convening.

Section 818, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 33, 39 Stat. 960; Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 503, § 5, 44 Stat. 1420, authorized governor to call special sessions of legislature or senate.

Section 819, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 30, 39 Stat. 959; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158; June 1, 1938, ch. 308, 52 Stat. 595, related to term of office of senators and representatives, filling of vacancies, and limitations upon appointment to other offices of those legislative members.

Section 820, acts Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 31, 39 Stat. 960; Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 503, § 4, 44 Stat. 1420; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158; June 24, 1948, ch. 610, § 4, 62 Stat. 580, related to compensation and mileage of members of senate and house of representatives.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal of sections 811 to 820 effective July 25, 1952, see note set out under section 732 of this title.

**§ 821. Legislative power**

The legislative authority shall extend to all matters of a legislative character not locally inapplicable, including power to create, consolidate, and reorganize the municipalities so far as may be necessary, and to provide and repeal laws and ordinances therefor; also the power to alter, amend, modify, or repeal any or all laws and ordinances of every character in force in Puerto Rico or municipality or district thereof on March 2, 1917, insofar as such alteration, amendment, modification, or repeal may be consistent with the provisions of this chapter.

(Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, § 37, 39 Stat. 964; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original "this Act", meaning act Mar. 2, 1917, ch. 145, 39 Stat.