

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 395
PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF JUSTICES
OF THE COURT OF APPEALS AND OF THE JUDGES OF THE COURT
OF FIRST INSTANCE OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT;
AND INVESTING JUDGES APPOINTED UNDER COMMONWEALTH
ACT NO. 504 (CADASTRAL) WITH GENERAL JURISDICTION

Pursuant to the powers vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, I, MANUEL L. QUEZON, President of the Philippines, do hereby order that:

1. The Court of Appeals of the Philippines shall consist of a Presiding Justice and eighteen Associate Justices and may sit in such number or divisions as the Court may, by resolution, provide.

2. Fourteen judges shall be commissioned for the Fourth Judicial District, of which eleven, with residence in the City of Manila, shall be known as judges of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Branches, respectively, shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Manila and Palawan, and three judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of, and reside in, the Province of Rizal.

3. All Judges appointed under the provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 504 (Cadastral) shall henceforth have general jurisdiction throughout the Philippines to try and determine all cases cognizable originally or on appeal by the Courts of First Instance.

Done at the City of Manila, this 24th day of December, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen hundred and forty-one, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the seventh.

(SGD.) MANUEL L. QUEZON

By the President:
(SGD.) JORGE B. VARGAS
Secretary to the President

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