

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF P60,000.00 TO COVER THE TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF THE THREE (3) JUDGES OF THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE OF MANILA, AT P20,000.00 EACH, WHO WILL UNDERTAKE OFFICIAL TRIPS ABROAD, PARTICULARLY IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE LEGAL SYSTEMS ARE SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO OBSERVE THE MODERN TRENDS AND PRACTICES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

WHEREAS, as has been proven time and again, the last and unailing refuge of an aggrieved citizen in a democracy is the courts of justice;

WHEREAS, it is a matter of common knowledge that some of the most respected and competent judges of Courts of First Instance in the country have been assigned to Manila, which is popularly recognized as a choice assignment, and it is from the illustrious ranks of the judges of the Manila Court of First Instance that appointees to the Court of Appeals are almost always drawn;

WHEREAS, law is a progressive science, not only as a matter of academics, but also as a matter of practical administration;

WHEREAS, it will redound to the benefit of everyone if conditions are made such as to enable judges of the Court of First Instance of Manila to travel in foreign countries whose legal systems are similar to that of the Philippines to observe the modern trends and practices in the administration of justice;

WHEREAS, it is likewise a matter of common knowledge that most judges have, due to the exacting demands of their positions, dedicated their whole lives to the discharge of their official functions and duties and, therefore, could not, on their own, afford the prohibitive expenses of foreign travels for the purpose of acquainting themselves with the modern trends and practices in the administration of justice: Now, therefore

Be it ordained by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila, that:

SECTION 1. The amount of P60,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the unappropriated fund existing in the City Treasury to cover the transportation and other incidental expenses of the three (3) judges of the Court of First Instance of Manila, at P20,000.00 each, all of whom will undertake official trips abroad, particularly in those countries whose legal systems are similar to that of the Philippines, to observe the modern trends and practices in the administration of justice, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the first two shall be the most senior judges in the City of Manila and the third shall be the judge who has the least pending cases as of June 30, 1966: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the judge who has served the longest period in the City of Manila, regardless of the date of his appointment to the judiciary, shall be considered as the most senior judge;

2. That the officials herein authorized to undertake official trips abroad have not made similar trips during the last preceding five (5) years at the expense of the City Government;

3. That these projected trips shall have the prior approval of the Office of the President of the Philippines; that the bookings shall be made with the National Flag Carrier and/or its connecting facilities; and that transportation expenses incurred not in consonance hereof shall not be allowed in audit unless with a certification from the National Flag Carrier of the non-availability of its facilities for the trip;

4. That said officials shall individually submit within fifteen (15) days after their return from abroad typewritten reports of their trips, furnishing the Offices of the President of the Philippines, of the Municipal Board and of the Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer of said Body with copies of said reports; and


5. That said officials shall likewise submit to the Offices of the Municipal Board and of the Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer of said Body a written accounting of the amounts respectively allotted to them.

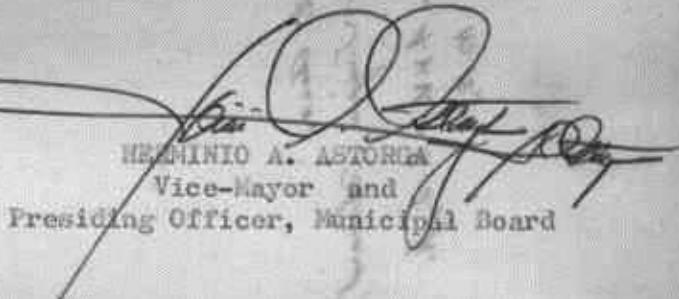
SEC. 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Originally enacted by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila on August 10, 1966 and modified by said Body at its regular session today, August 31, 1966.

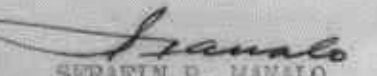
Approved by His Honor, the Mayor on *November 16, 1966.*

APPROVED:


ANTONIO S. VELEZ
Mayor
City of Manila


HERMINIO A. ASTORIA
Vice-Mayor and
Presiding Officer, Municipal Board

ATTESTED:


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Secretary to the Mayor


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Secretary, Municipal Board

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