

DATA FOR RECLASSIFYING A PROVINCE OR MUNICIPALITY

Province

"In order that proper action hereon can be taken under the provisions of Republic Act No. 130, it is requested that the advantages and benefits to be derived by the province and its inhabitants in the raise of its class from 2nd to 1st, as proposed herein, be stated. In this connection, information is also requested as to whether, if and when the province is raised in class as proposed, the additional expenditure which will necessarily follow in the form of increase in salaries of the statutory officials as well as of the employees therein and the other activities which a first class province has to provide, can be made available from the existing funds in the provincial treasury. In the affirmative, it is also requested that copies of the supplemental budgets providing for these additional expenditures be submitted herewith. With respect to the salaries of the District Health Officer and the Provincial Auditor which are payable in equal proportion by the National Government and the province, it should be stated that the present arrangement is to the effect that the province concerned should be ready to provide for the portion of their salaries payable by the National Government, if these officials have to be given the compensation corresponding to the class approved for that province. This arrangement is being made because the National Government may not pay its portion of the increased salaries of these officials, at least during the rest of the current fiscal year, inasmuch as the National budget has not provided for the increased compensation."—From 1st Indorsement dated January 6, 1949, of the Department of the Interior.

Municipality

"With reference to the papers regarding the readjustment of the classification of the municipality of Orani, that province, it is requested that the municipal council of Orani be instructed to prepare a tentative budget for that municipality covering a period of twelve months on the basis of the actual estimated income and expenditure, as of the current fiscal year, for a second class municipality to which classification said municipality is proposed to be elevated. In that budget, the higher rates of salary of the municipal officials and employees as well as all the other statutory expenditures which a second class municipality has to undertake should be provided for. For comparative purposes, it is also requested that a copy of the annual budget of said municipality for the current fiscal year be submitted with these papers. It is desired that both budgets be referred to the Provincial Treasurer for review and comment before submitting them to this Department."—Letter dated Dec. 20, 1948, of the Department of the Interior to the Provincial Governor of Bataan.

Editor's note: The foregoing administrative requirements are in addition to those called for in Republic Act No. 130. In the case of readjustment of classification of a municipality, the Office of the President imposed the condition that the applicant municipality shall pay the full amount of the increase in salary of the Justice of the Peace resulting from such change in classification until the portion thereof payable by the National Government shall have been duly authorized in the annual General Appropriation Act. (Ind. Jan. 19, 1949, of Office of President in case of Biñan, Laguna).