[No. 7] [Approved, July 24, 1952]

AN ACT

TO PROVIDE THE ORDER OF SUCCESSION TO AND SUBSTITUTION FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, AND TO REPEAL ACT NO. 8 OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1948.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—When a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico caused by death, resignation, removal, total and permanent incapacity, or any other absolute disability, said office shall devolve upon the Secretary of State, who shall hold it for the rest of the term and until a new Governor is elected and qualifies. In the event that vacancies exist at the same time in both the office of the Governor and that of Secretary of State, the order of succession under this section shall be as follows:

1. Secretary of Justice
2. Secretary of the Treasury
3. Secretary of Education
4. Secretary of Labor
5. Secretary of Public Works

Section 2.—When for any cause which originates absence of a temporary character the Governor is temporarily unable to perform his functions, he shall be substituted, for the duration of the absence, by the Secretary of State. If for any reason the Secretary of State is unable to discharge the office, the order set forth in the preceding section shall be followed.

Section 3.—Act No. 8 of September 11, 1948, is hereby repealed.

Section 4.—This Act, being of an urgent and necessary character, shall take effect as soon as the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall become operative.

Approved, July 24, 1952.

[No. 8] [Approved, July 24, 1952]

AN ACT

TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR THE PROMULGATION OF THE LAWS, JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PUBLICATION THEREOF, AND TO REPEAL SECTION 45 OF THE POLITICAL CODE OF PUERTO RICO.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—In compliance with Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Secretary of State shall promulgate all the laws and joint resolutions by affixing thereto, as soon as same are approved by the Governor or have become laws pursuant to Section 19 of Article III of the Constitution, the seal of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Until such time as the seal of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has been adopted and is in use, this provision shall be complied with by affixing to the laws and joint resolutions the Great Seal of Puerto Rico.

Section 2.—Once promulgated in the manner provided in the preceding section, the Secretary of State shall cause to be printed in Spanish and English the texts of all laws and joint resolutions as well as any other legislative document he may deem proper, and the laws, joint resolutions and documents so printed shall be admitted as evidence in all courts of Puerto Rico without further authentication.

Section 3.—In addition to promulgating the laws and joint resolutions in the manner provided in Section 1 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall place at the disposal of the public all information appertaining to the laws and joint resolutions approved, and shall publish in not less than two newspapers of general circulation the following information thereon: number of the law or joint resolution, date of its approval, effective date and title thereof, or a brief mention of the contents or purpose of each one. The publication in newspapers above provided shall be made within the thirty (30) days following the date of approval of each law or joint resolution.

Section 4.—The proclamations, regulations, and other official acts and documents whose promulgation is required by law shall be promulgated according to the procedure fixed in Section 1 of this Act.

Section 5.—The sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from unencumbered funds to the Secretary of State for the effectuation of the purposes of this Act during the fiscal year 1952–53.

Section 6.—Section 45 of the Political Code of Puerto Rico is hereby repealed.
Section 7.—This Act, being of an urgent and necessary character, shall take effect as soon as the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall become operative.

Approved, July 24, 1952.

[No. 9]  
[Approved, July 24, 1952]  

AN ACT

TO CREATE AND ORGANIZE THE OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF PUERTO RICO, TO REPEAL ACT NO. 10 OF APRIL 8, 1946, ACT NO. 347 OF MAY 12, 1947, AND SECTION 81 OF ACT NO. 53 OF APRIL 28, 1928, KNOWN AS THE MUNICIPAL LAW, TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES, AND TO APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—The Office of the Controller of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is hereby created, the head of which shall be the Controller, who shall be principally responsible to the Legislature.

Section 2.—No person shall be Controller unless he has attained thirty years of age and is a citizen of the United States of America and a citizen and bona fide resident of Puerto Rico.

Section 3.—The functions of the Controller shall be those assigned to him in Article III, Section 22, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and he shall exercise them with regard to the accounts, funds, revenues, disbursements, and properties of the Government as well as those held in trust. In the exercise of these functions the Controller may employ any generally accepted norms or any methods in keeping with current practices in the auditing of accounts.

Section 4.—The Controller shall collect from public corporations the total expense incurred by him on account of audits and investigations carried out by him with respect to the said corporations. Whenever a public corporation whose funds are in the possession of the Secretary of the Treasury of Puerto Rico shall fail to include in its budget the proper items, the total expense incurred by the Controller shall be charged to its funds. The amounts collected by the Controller under this section shall be covered into the General Fund of the Treasury of Puerto Rico.

Section 5.—The Controller shall draw an annual salary of $16,000.

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Artículo 7.—Esta Ley, por ser de carácter urgente y necesaria, comenzará a regir al entrar en vigor la Constitución del Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico.

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Decretrase por la Asamblea Legislativa de Puerto Rico:

Artículo 1.—Se crea la Oficina del Contralor del Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico, la cual será dirigida por el Contralor, quién será responsable principalmente a la Asamblea Legislativa.

Artículo 2.—Nadie podrá ser Contralor a menos que haya cumplido treinta años de edad y sea ciudadano de los Estados Unidos de América y ciudadano y residente bona fide de Puerto Rico.

Artículo 3.—El Contralor tendrá las funciones que se le asignan en el Artículo III, Sección 22 de la Constitución del Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico, y las ejercerá tanto con respecto a las cuentas, los fondos, los ingresos, los desembolsos y las propiedades del Gobierno como a los que se tuvieren en confidencial. En el ejercicio de estas funciones el Contralor podrá emplear normas generalmente aceptadas o métodos que estén de acuerdo con las prácticas corrientes en el examen de cuentas.

Artículo 4.—El Contralor cobrará a las corporaciones públicas el costo total en que incurriese con motivo de los exámenes e investigaciones que efectúe en dichas corporaciones. Cuando una corporación pública cuyos fondos estén en poder del Secretario de Hacienda de Puerto Rico, deje a su disposición para sus presupuestos las partidas correspondientes, se cargará a sus fondos el costo total en que el Contralor haya incurrido. Las cantidades cobradas por el Contralor a virtud de este Artículo se ingresarán en el Fondo General del Tesoro de Puerto Rico.

Artículo 5.—El Contralor devengará un sueldo anual de $16,000.