Section 4.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5.—This Act, being of an urgent and necessary character, shall take effect immediately after its approval.

Approved, November 21, 1941.

[No. 15]

AN ACT

TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (25,000) DOLLARS, OR SUCH PART THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO PREVENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SLUMS ON PUBLIC LANDS ADJACENT TO THE URBAN ZONES OF THE PRINCIPAL CITIES IN PUERTO RICO, INCLUDING THE ISLAND OF VIEQUES; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INTERIOR TO APPOINT THE NECESSARY PERSONNEL AND DO ALL THINGS TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH END, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

That in order to eliminate existing slum areas in Puerto Rico and in the Island of Vieques, local housing authorities with the cooperation of the United States Housing Authorities are engaged in a vast program of slum clearance.

That as a result of the continuous inflow of poor families to the principal cities, seeking work, the slum problem is ever increasing and no effort should be spared to cope with the situation.

The People of Puerto Rico owns lands adjacent to various of its principal cities including the Island of Vieques, without adequate policing, as a result of which the construction on said lands of squatter houses is inevitable. In order to protect these lands from intruders, it becomes necessary to increase their vigilance.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—The sum of twenty five thousand (25,000) dollars, or such part thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from any funds in the Insular Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended in the policing of the public lands adjacent to the urban zones of the principal cities of Puerto Rico, including the Island of Vieques, which are mostly affected by slum construction, at the discretion of the Commissioner of the Interior.
Section 2.—The Commissioner of the Interior is hereby authorized to appoint the necessary personnel to maintain the required vigilance over said lands, with the view of avoiding the construction of squatter houses thereon.

Section 3.—The Auditor and the Treasurer of Puerto Rico are hereby authorized and directed to place the appropriation herein provided at the disposal of the Commissioner of the Interior for the purpose indicated.

Section 4.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Section 5.—This Act, being of an urgent character, shall take effect immediately after its approval.

Approved, November 21, 1941.

[No. 16]

AN ACT

CREATING THE INSULAR SEWERAGE SERVICE: FIXING ITS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES; ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE INSULAR GOVERNMENT WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PUERTO RICO FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, EXTENSION, COORDINATION, IMPROVEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE SEWERAGE SYSTEMS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF SAID SERVICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—There is hereby created a public corporation as an agency or instrumentality of the people of Puerto Rico, to be known as the “Insular Sewerage Service.”

The Insular Sewerage Service shall have juridic personality and there is hereby conferred upon it and it shall have and exercise all the rights and powers which may be necessary and convenient to carry out the purposes of this Act. The powers of the Insular Sewerage Service shall be exercised by a Board composed of the Commissioner of Health, the Commissioner of the Interior, and three persons versed in sanitary engineering, municipal administration or problems of urban sanitation, who shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for the term of four years and until their successors have been duly appointed and have qualified. Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The members of the board shall receive no compensation for their services; Provided, however, That they shall be reimbursed for traveling expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

[No. 16]

LEY

CREANDO EL SERVICIO INSULAR DE ALCANTARILLADO: FIJANDO SUS FUNCIONES Y DEBERES; ESTABLECIENTE EL PROCEDIMIENTO PARA LA COOPERACION DEL GOBIERNO INSULAR CON LOS MUNICIPIOS DE PUERTO RICO PARA LA CONSTRUCCION, EXTENSION, COORDINACION, MEJORAMIENTO Y ADMINISTRACION DE LOS SISTEMAS DE ALCANTARILLADO; ASIGNANDO FONDOS PARA EL FUNCIONAMIENTO DE Dicho SERVICIO, Y PARA OTROS Fines.

Decrétese por la Asamblea Legislativa de Puerto Rico:

Sección 1.—Por la presente se crea una corporación pública, como agencia o instrumentalidad del pueblo de Puerto Rico con el nombre de “Servicio Insular de Alcantarillado”.

El Servicio Insular de Alcantarillado tendrá personalidad jurídica y por la presente se le confieren y tendrá y podrá ejercer todos los derechos y poderes que sean necesarios y convenientes para llevar a efecto los propósitos de esta Ley. Los poderes del Servicio Insular de Alcantarillado se ejercerán por una junta integrada por el Comisionado de Sanidad, el Comisionado del Interior y tres personas versadas en ingeniería sanitaria, administración municipal o problemas de saneamiento urbano, que serán nombradas por el Gobernador, con el consejo y consentimiento del Senado, por el término de cuatro (4) años y hasta que sus sucesores sean debidamente nombrados y tomen posesión de sus cargos. Tres miembros de la junta constituirán quórum. Los miembros de la junta no recibirán compensación alguna por sus servicios; Disponiéndose, sin embargo, que se le reembolsarán los gastos de viajes en que incurrieren en el desempeño de sus funciones oficiales.