tion thereof by the Board. Said regulations shall, without implying a limitation to the powers of the Board, include provisions for the equitable apportionment of quotas among the citrus producers and the industrialists who process the fruit; a definition of what constitutes a citrus grower and a processing industrialist of this fruit in Puerto Rico; permits which shall be issued to the interested parties; measures to ensure the best distribution of the quantities of citrus normally absorbed by national and foreign markets, and the best quality and processing of the fruit; to fix quantities to be processed as surpluses, as well as to determine when such regulations shall be suspended either temporarily or permanently. If the result of the referendum is favorable to the adoption thereof, it shall be submitted to the Governor of Puerto Rico for his signature, and from that time it shall have the force of law, and shall be binding on the citrus producers and industrialists of Puerto Rico.

Section 3.—The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce is hereby authorized to employ personnel from his department, without prejudice to other duties, and he is hereby authorized to dispose, for the enforcement of this Act, of any sums, or the part thereof that may be necessary which may be available in his department and not otherwise allocated.

Section 4.—The violation of this Act or regulations hereunder shall be considered as a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a maximum fine of one hundred (100) dollars for the first violation, and for subsequent violations by a minimum fine of two hundred (200) dollars.

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

Approved, May 5, 1948.

[No. 95]
[Approved, May 5, 1948]

AN ACT

TO PROVIDE THAT THE BALANCE REMAINING FROM ANY SUMS HERETOFORE OR HEREAFTER COLLECTED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF PUERTO RICO FOR ADMINISTERING OATHS ON APPLICATIONS FOR PASSPORTS AND FOR THE FILING OF SAID APPLICATIONS, PURSUANT TO THE ACT OF

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—The Executive Secretary of Puerto Rico is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to deposit and cover into the general funds of the Insular Treasury of Puerto Rico any sums of money which for administering oath on applications for passports and for the filing of said applications, said official is under obligation to collect and does collect in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the Congress of the United States, approved June 4, 1920, as said Act appears in 22 U.S.C.A., Section 214.

Section 2.—The Executive Secretary of Puerto Rico is likewise hereby empowered, authorized and directed to deposit and cover immediately into the general funds of the Insular Treasury the balance of any sums collected by said official as set forth in Section 1 of this Act under the said Act of Congress, and that on the date this Act takes effect, he may have in his possession or deposited in a trust fund in any bank of Puerto Rico, without having remitted same to the Treasury of the United States.

Section 3.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4.—This Act, being of an urgent and necessary character, shall take effect immediately after its approval.

Approved, May 5, 1948.

[No. 96]
[Approved, May 6, 1948]

AN ACT

To Authorize and Consent to the Filing and Prosecution of a Civil Action in the Courts of Puerto Rico Against the Department of the Interior of Puerto Rico as Well as Against the Auditor and the Treasurer of Puerto Rico in Order That the Contractor Zoilo Mendez Rios May Claim the Sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars and Two Cents ($25,775.02) Which Represents the Additional Payment of Wages, Salaries and Workmen’s Compensation Insurance Premium Made by Said Contractor in Excess of the Minimum Wages Stipulated in the Contract for Construction of the “Camino Pasto” in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico, Because of the Increase Made by Mandatory Decree of the Minimum Wage Board of Puerto Rico.

Approved by the Legislature of Puerto Rico on May 8, 1948.