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All males of 21 years of age who are able to read and write English, Spanish, or Visayan understandingly or are owners of $500 in realty, or are renters of $100 in realty, and have resided in their respective districts one year, are qualified as voters in elections. The military governor will prescribe the time and place of elections and all other provisions, including registration of voters. The Council will discharge ordinary legislative duties. The military governor has the power of veto, which will be final when approved by the Governor General at Manila.

The secretary of the treasury will perform the customary duties of that office, and the secretary of the interior will supervise public lands, forests, mines, surveys, and census, together with safeguards for public health. The secretary of agriculture will study to develop the resources of the island, recommend improved methods of cultivation, and introduce new products suitable to soil and climate. The secretary of instruction will establish a free school system. The duties of the attorney-general and auditor will consist of the customary functions of those offices.

A municipal government will be organized as soon as possible under the supervision of the military and civil governors and advisory council. The military governor will appoint three judges who will severally sit at times and places which the governors and council shall determine and will sit together to hear appeals. The council will fix their term, compensation and procedure. An appeal may be made to the Supreme Court at Manila in cases of felonies or cases involving a sum exceeding $500 of Mexican money. The council and civil governor will provide inferior courts. The schools must teach the English language. The council will devise a system of uniform taxation. The military governor will collect customs and control the postal service and commerce. The secretaries will receive $300 annually. Councillors will receive $8 a day with mileage. Sessions of the council are limited to 120 days. The military governor will settle all other questions.

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