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PHILIPPINE POLITICAL LAW



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PREFACE

In the brief span of ten years since the liberation of the Philippines from the Japanese occupation and in view of recent developments in our political history, Philippine Political Law had been immensely enriched by doctrines and principles laid down by our Supreme Court. Much of the legislation made necessary by the new conditions thus arising have been subjected to the scrutiny of the courts to determine their conformity to constitutional requirements. Consequently, many of the questions raised and passed upon are entirely novel, at least in our jurisdiction. It was with these circumstances in mind which prompted the author to prepare this work on Philippine Political Law.

In this work, the author consolidated the relevant provisions of the Constitution on the matter. A comprehensive and up-to-date discussion of applicable decisional law has been made, including the latest rulings not only of our courts but also of the courts in the jurisdictions or origin of the adopted provisions. This method was followed by the author so as to furnish law students such a presentation of elementary constitutional principles as should serve,—with the aid of references to judicial decisions, legal treatises, and historical events,—as a convenient guide in the examination of questions respecting constitutional limitations upon the power of legislation.

It is therefore hoped that law students will find this book of great help in their study of Philippine Political Law.

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