

SEC. 7. Permanent personnel.—The Board shall have a permanent Secretary, who shall be a member of the Philippine bar, with compensation at five thousand one hundred pesos *per annum*. He shall record all proceedings of the Board, take charge of and keep all its papers, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board in connection with its proceedings or papers. The Board shall also have a permanent stenographer with compensation at two thousand four hundred pesos *per annum* and such other employees and personnel as the Board may deem necessary in exercising and performing its powers and duties.

SEC. 8. Temporary personnel.—The Board may, with the approval of the President of the Philippines, engage for temporary service such duly qualified consulting engineers and agencies or other qualified persons as are necessary, and fix the compensation of such engineers, agencies, or persons without regard to civil service rules and regulations.

SEC. 9. Annual Report.—The Board shall make an annual report to the President which shall contain such information and data collected by the Board as may be considered of value in the determination of questions connected with the development of civil aeronautics, together with such recommendations as to additional legislation relating thereto as the Board may deem necessary.

SEC. 10. Powers and duties of the Board.—(A) Except as otherwise provided herein, the Board shall have the power to regulate the economic aspect of air transportation, and shall have the general supervision and regulation of, and jurisdiction and control over, air carriers as well as their property, property rights, equipment, facilities, and franchise, in so far as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

(B) The Board may perform such acts, conduct such investigations, issue and amend such orders, and make and amend such general or special rules, regulations, and procedures as it shall deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

(C) The Board shall have the following specific powers and duties:

(1) In accordance with the provisions of Chapter IV of this Act, to issue, deny, amend, revise, alter, modify, cancel, suspend, or revoke, in whole or in part, upon petition, or complaint, or upon its own initiative, any temporary operating permit or certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity: *Provided, however*, That in the case of foreign air carriers, the permit shall be issued with the approval of the President of the Republic of the Philippines.

(2) To fix and determine reasonable individual, joint or special rates, charges or fares which an air carrier may demand, collect or receive for any service in connection with air commerce, the Board may adopt any original, amended, or new individual, joint or special rates, charges or fares proposed by an air carrier if the proposed individual joint, or special rates, charges or fares are not unduly preferential or unduly discriminatory or unreasonable. The burden of proof to show that the proposed individual, joint or special rates, charges or fares are just and reasonable shall be upon the air carrier proposing the same.