[No. 19]  
AN ACT  

to amend section 35 of the school law of puerto rico, as amended by act no. 30, approved april 23, 1931.  

be it enacted by the legislature of puerto rico:  
section 1.—section 35 of the school law of puerto rico, as amended by act no. 30, approved april 23, 1931, is hereby drafted as follows:  

"section 35.—the public-school teachers of puerto rico shall be designated as elementary-school teachers; high-school teachers; elementary-school principals; high-school principals; assistant superintendents of schools; superintendents of schools; general supervisors of education; teachers of agriculture; teachers of industrial arts; teachers of handicraft; teachers of domestic science; teachers of english; teachers of commercial subjects, and special teachers. the last-named class shall include teachers not classified in the foregoing denomination, whose services may be contracted for school work under the direction of the commissioner of education."  

section 2.—all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.  
section 3.—this act shall take effect ninety days after its approval.  

approved, april 9, 1941.  

[No. 20]  
AN ACT  

to regulate the practice of the profession of agronomy in puerto rico; to create a board of examiners of agronomists; to provide for an association of agronomists of puerto rico, and for other purposes.  

be it enacted by the legislature of puerto rico:  

CHAPTER I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS  
section 1.—a board of examiners of agronomists is hereby created, which shall be composed of five members appointed by the
Governor of Puerto Rico, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a period of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify.

Section 2.—The Board of Examiners of Agronomists shall be the only body authorized to issue licenses for the practice of the profession of agronomy in Puerto Rico, to every person who possesses the requirements specified in Sections 4 and 5 of this Act.

Section 3.—Only those persons who hold licenses issued by the Board of Examiners of Agronomists hereby created shall be entitled to practice as agronomists in Puerto Rico and to use the corresponding title.

Section 4.—There shall be entitled to a license to practice the profession of agronomy in Puerto Rico every person who, in addition to being of recognized moral solvency, possesses at least one of the following requirements:

"Article I.—To hold the title or degree of bachelor of science in agriculture (B.S.A.) granted by an accredited university or college of Puerto Rico or of the United States of North America recognized by the University of Puerto Rico.

"Article II.—To hold a title or degree of bachelor of science (B.S.) in any of the following specialties: forestry, horticulture, zootechny, soils, agricultural economy, or crops, the specialist having had to pass in the basic agricultural subject included in the course for obtaining the degree of bachelor of science in agriculture (B.S.A.), which are the following: botany, zoology, horticulture, entomology, soils, general chemistry, bacteriology, pathology of plants, and physiology of plants."

Section 5.—The Board of Examiners of Agronomists shall issue a license to practice the profession of agronomy to every person who, on making application therefor, declares under oath that he possesses at least one of the requirements established in Section 4 of this Act, and upon payment of the fees specified in Section 6 of this Act.

Section 6.—The fees to be paid to the Board of Examiners of Agronomists in order to obtain a license shall be ten (10) dollars. The funds so obtained shall be used exclusively for the expenses of the board.

Section 7.—The license shall be for life unless it is cancelled by the Board of Examiners of Agronomists after charges have been preferred and an opportunity for defense given to the person whose conduct is questioned.
Section 8.—The Governor can remove any member of the board for immorality, negligence, or incompetence, on recommendation of the majority of the board. Any vacancy on the board shall be filled by appointment of the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; it being understood, that the person designated to fill a vacancy shall serve until the expiration of the term for which the person whom he substitutes was appointed.

Section 9.—The members of the board must be citizens of the United States and legal residents of this Island at the time of their appointment. They must have been practicing the profession of agronomy for at least ten (10) years and, excepting the members of the first board appointed, must hold a license to practice the profession of agronomy in Puerto Rico. Each member of the board shall receive a compensation of five (5) dollars for each day of meeting of the board or of its committees; for the time spent in travelling, he shall receive a per diem of four (4) dollars.

Section 10.—Each member of the board shall receive a certificate of appointment from the Governor of Puerto Rico, and before beginning his term he shall take an oath before an authorized official. The secretary of the examining board created is empowered to issue licenses to the persons composing the board, upon presentation of their appointment by the Governor, as members of the said board. The board or any committee thereof shall be entitled to the services of the Attorney General of Puerto Rico in connection with its affairs and shall have power to compel the appearance of witnesses, administer oaths, and hear testimony and evidence concerning the matters within its jurisdiction. The board shall use the services of a clerk-appointed by it, and it may use therefor an employee of any other similar examining board on the Island. It shall adopt an official seal for all the certificates and licenses issued and shall prepare all such regulations and rules not in conflict with this Act as may be necessary to carry out its duties. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce shall furnish quarters for the office of the board in the city of San Juan.

Section 11.—The board shall hold a meeting within the first five days after its members have been appointed, and thereafter it shall hold a meeting each time that it is required in Sections 24 and 25 of this Act or every three (3) months if there are applications for

Artículo 8.—El Gobernador podrá destituir cualquier miembro de la junta por inmoralidad, negligencia o incompetencia, previa recomendación de una mayoría de la junta. Cualquier vacante entre los miembros de la junta será cubierta por nombramiento del Gobernador con el consejo y consentimiento del Senado; Entendiendo, que la persona designada para cubrir una vacante servirá su puesto hasta la expiración del término para el cual la persona a quien sustituye hubiera sido nombrada.

Artículo 9.—Los miembros de la junta deberán ser ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos y residentes legales de esta Isla en la época de su nombramiento. Deberán haber estado ejerciendo la profesión de agrónomo por lo menos durante diez (10) años, y exceptuando los miembros de la primera junta nombrada, deberán poseer una licencia para ejercer la profesión de agrónomo en Puerto Rico. Cada miembro de la junta recibirá una compensación de cinco (5) dólares por cada día de sesión de la junta o de sus comisiones y por el tiempo empleado en viajes, percibirá una dieta de cuatro (4) dólares.

Artículo 10.—Cada miembro de la junta recibirá un certificado de nombramiento del Gobernador de Puerto Rico y antes de empezar su término deberá prestar juramento ante un funcionario autorizado. El Secretario de la Junta Examinadora creada queda facultado para expedir licencias a las personas que integran aquella a la presentación del nombramiento que hubiere hecho el Gobernador a favor de los mismos, como miembros de la referida junta. La junta o cualquier comité de la misma, tendrá derecho a los servicios del Fiscal General de Puerto Rico, en conexión con los asuntos de ésta y tendrá el poder de obligar la comparecencia de testigos, tomar juramento y oír testimonios y pruebas concerniente a los asuntos dentro de su jurisdicción. La junta usará los servicios de un escribiente nombrado por ella pudiendo utilizar para ello un empleado de cualquier otra junta examinadora análoga existente en la Isla. Adoptará un sello oficial para todos los certificados y licencias expedidas y preparará todos los reglamentos y reglas que no estén en contradicción con esta Ley y que fuere necesario para llevar a cabo sus deberes. El Comisionado de Agricultura y Comercio suministrará un local para la oficina de la junta en la ciudad de San Juan.

Artículo 11.—La junta celebrará una sesión dentro de los primeros cinco (5) días después que sus miembros hayan sido nombrados y en lo sucesivo celebrará una sesión cada vez que lo estatuido en los artículos 24 y 25 de esta Ley lo requiera o cada tres (3) meses siem-
licenses to be considered. The board shall elect annually from among its members a chairman and a secretary-treasurer. Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum for transacting all matters within its competency.

Section 12.—The secretary-treasurer shall keep an account of all the money received in accordance with this Act and shall cover it, in turn, into the Insular Treasury. The money so covered shall be kept in a special fund which shall be known as the "Fund of the Board of Examiners of Agronomists," and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of this Act. All expenses certified by the board as necessarily incurred in the discharge of its duties, including the compensation authorized, shall be paid from said fund after all legal procedure has been observed, through a voucher of the Auditor of Puerto Rico issued by order of the chairman and secretary-treasurer of the board. The secretary-treasurer of the board shall give a bond to be fixed by the Auditor of Puerto Rico, and any premium on said bond shall be paid from the funds of the board.

Section 13.—The board shall keep a book of minutes of all its proceedings, a file, and a complete register of all the agronomists to whom licenses have been issued, showing the residence of each one of them; this list shall be revised on July 1 of each year.

At the end of each fiscal year the secretary-treasurer of the board, with the approval of the chairman, shall furnish to the Governor of Puerto Rico a report of all transactions during the last fiscal year.

Section 14.—Every person who, without being duly admitted and licensed to practice the profession of agronomy in Puerto Rico, as provided in this Act, or who, during the suspension of his license practices as a person legally qualified to do so, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, he shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred (100) dollars or by imprisonment for a term of not less than two (2) months, or by both penalties; Provided, however, That those persons who do work properly agricultural with persons or private entities shall not incur any penalty whatever; Provided, further, That no license as agronomist shall be needed by any person who, at the moment this Act takes effect, is holding a public office which must be discharged by an agronomist, and until he ceases in such office.
CHAPTER II
AGRONOMISTS ASSOCIATION

Section 15.—The professionals entitled to practice the profession of agronomy in Puerto Rico, provided that the majority of them so agree in a referendum which shall be held for the purpose, as hereinafter provided, are hereby constituted into an artificial entity or quasi-public corporation under the name of Agronomists Association of Puerto Rico, with domicile where the first assembly, specified in Section 25 of this Act, may designate.

Section 16.—The Agronomists Association of Puerto Rico shall have power:

(a) To subsist in perpetuity under that name, and to sue and be sued as an artificial person;
(b) To possess and use a seal, which it can order at will;
(c) To acquire rights and properties, both personal and real, by donation, legacy, taxes on its own members, purchase, or otherwise; and to possess them, mortgage them, lease them, and dispose of them in any manner;
(d) To appoint its directors and functionaries or officials;
(e) To adopt its by-laws which shall be binding on all its members, as the assembly provided for in Section 25 of this Act may prescribe, and to amend them in the form and under the requirements established therein;
(f) To protect its members in the exercise of their profession;
(g) To exercise such incidental powers as may be necessary or advisable for the purposes of its creation and are not in conflict with this Act.

Section 17.—After the first meeting of the directorate of the association is held, no person who is not a member of the association can practice the profession of agronomy in Puerto Rico; and if he practices it, he shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in Section 14 of this Act.

Section 18.—All persons admitted to practice the profession of agronomy in Puerto Rico under the provisions of this Act and who perform the duties fixed herein shall be members of the Agronomists Association.

Section 19.—The Agronomists Association of Puerto Rico shall be governed, first, by its general assembly and, second, by its directorate.

Section 20.—The directorate shall be composed as the general assembly may determine and shall be designated thereby.
Section 21.—The by-laws of the association shall prescribe whatever has not been prescribed herein, including whatever concerns the functions, duties, and proceedings of all its organizations and officials, calls, meetings of the directorate, election of directors and officials, standing committees, budget, expenditure of funds, and disposal of property of the association, terms of all positions, and declaration of vacancies and method of filling them.

Section 22.—Each year the members of the Agronomists Association of Puerto Rico shall pay a quota of three (3) dollars on the date and in the instalments which may be fixed by the by-laws, which can increase the quota provided it does not exceed ten (10) dollars.

Section 23.—Any member who does not pay his quota but in other respects is classified as an associate shall be suspended as such member, but he can be reinstated upon the payment of what he owes for such reason.

CHAPTER III

Section 24.—Within the sixty (60) days following the taking effect of this Act and for the purpose indicated in its Section 15, the Board of Examiners of Agronomists shall, using the mail or other adequate means, proceed to consult in writing all the agronomists authorized to practice the profession in Puerto Rico, as to whether or not they wish to constitute the Agronomists Association of Puerto Rico, as this Act provides. The answers cannot be conditional, but absolutely affirmative or negative; they must be written in the handwriting of the interested person and shall be subject to the free inspection of any agronomist authorized to practice the profession in Puerto Rico, who so requests. Once the majority has pronounced itself for or against, the Board of Examiners of Agronomists shall give notice thereof, in writing, to the Governor and to all agronomists authorized to practice their profession in Puerto Rico.

Section 25.—If the result of the referendum prescribed in Section 24 is affirmative, the Board of Examiners of Agronomists shall call the first general assembly, which shall be held within the thirty (30) days following the date on which the communication provided for in the preceding section was made, and shall call all agronomists who at that time may be authorized to practice the profession of agronomy in Puerto Rico, for the purpose of electing the first directorate and of deciding in regard to the by-laws of the Agronomists Association. The general assembly shall be held on the tenth day after the publication of the call in not less than two newspapers of

LEYES DE PUERTO RICO

Artículo 21.—El Reglamento del Colegio dispondrá lo que no se haya previsto en la presente Ley, incluyendo lo concerniente a funciones, deberes y procedimientos de todos sus organismos y oficinas, convocatorias, reuniones de la directiva, elecciones de directores y oficiales, comisiones permanentes, presupuesto e inversión de fondos, y disposición de bienes del colegio y términos de todos los cargos, declaración de vacantes, y modo de cubrirlas.

Artículo 22.—Cada año los miembros del Colegio de Agrónomos de Puerto Rico pagarán una cuota de tres (3) dólares en la fecha y en los plazos que fije el reglamento, por disposición del cual podrá aumentarse aquélla siempre que no exceda de diez (10) dólares.

Artículo 23.—Cualquier miembro que no pague su cuota y que en los demás respectos esté clasificado como asociado, quedará suspendido como tal miembro, pero podrá rehabilitarse mediante el pago de lo que adeude por tal concepto.

CAPITULO III

Artículo 24.—Dentro de los sesenta (60) días siguientes a la vigencia de esta Ley y para el objeto indicado en su artículo 15, la Junta Examinadora de Agrónomos procederá, utilizando la vía postal u otro medio adecuado, a consultar por escrito a todos los agrónomos autorizados para ejercer la profesión en Puerto Rico, si desean o no que constituya el Colegio de Agrónomos de Puerto Rico, según previene esta Ley. Las contestaciones no podrán ser condicionales, sino afirmativas o negativas en absoluto; habrán de ser escritas de puño y letra del interesado, y estarán sujetas a libre inspección de cualquier agrónomo autorizado a ejercer la profesión en Puerto Rico, que lo solicite. Una vez que la mayoría se haya pronunciado en favor o en contra, la Junta Examinadora de Agrónomos dará cuenta de ello, por escrito, al Gobernador y a todos los agrónomos autorizados a ejercer la profesión en Puerto Rico.

Artículo 25.—De ser afirmativo el resultado del referéndum dispuesto en el artículo 24, la Junta Examinadora de Agrónomos convocará a Asamblea Inicial General que se celebrará dentro de los treinta (30) días siguientes a la fecha de haber hecho la comunicación prevista en el artículo anterior y convocará a todos los agrónomos que para esa fecha estén autorizados a ejercer la profesión de Agrónomo en Puerto Rico, con el fin de dejar electa la primera directiva y resolver sobre el reglamento del Colegio de Agrónomos. La Asamblea General se celebrará el décimo día de la publicación de la convocatoria en no menos de dos periódicos de circulación gene-
general circulation in the country. If less than one hundred (100) persons are present at the first assembly so called, the assembly can not be held, but those who have attended can, by a majority vote, set a date for a new call which shall be made for the identical purposes and in the same manner as the previous call, without there being more than thirty (30) days between one and the other. On second call, that assembly can be held with any number of agronomists that attend, and the resolutions that may be adopted and the actions taken by the majority of those present shall be valid.

Section 26.—If the result of the referendum prescribed in Section 24 is negative, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 of this Act shall remain in force.

CHAPTER IV

REPEAL OF OTHER LAWS AND THE TAKING EFFECT HEREOF

Section 27.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 28.—This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

Approved, April 9, 1941.

[No. 21]

AN ACT

TO AMEND SECTION 6 OF ACT NO. 87, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHT OF HOMESTEAD, TO EXEMPT IT FROM FORCED SALE, AND TO FIX THE PROCEDURE FOR ITS REGISTRATION IN THE REGISTRY OF PROPERTY AND FOR ITS CLAIM BEFORE THE COURTS OF JUSTICE; TO PUNISH EVERY PERSON WHO REGISTERS OR ATTEMPTS TO REGISTER THE RIGHT OF HOMESTEAD ON MORE THAN ONE OF HIS PROPERTIES, TO REPEAL AN ACT ENTITLED ’AN ACT TO DEFINE HOMESTEAD AND TO EXEMPT IT FROM FORCED SALE,’ APPROVED MARCH 12, 1933, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," APPROVED MAY 13, 1936, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—Section 6 of Act No. 87, entitled "An Act to establish the right of homestead, to exempt it from forced sale, and to fix the procedure for its registration in the registry of property and for its claims before the courts of justice; to punish every person who registers or attempts to register the right of homestead on more than

reral en el país. Si no llegaran a cien (100) los presentes en la primera asamblea así convocada, ésta no podrá celebrarse, pero los que hayan concurrido podrán, por mayoría designar fecha para nueva citación, que se hará con idénticos fines y en igual forma a la anterior, sin que entre una y otra transcurran menos de treinta (30) días. En segunda convocatoria aquella asamblea podrá celebrarse con cualquier número de agrónomos que asistan y los acuerdos que se adopten o las actuaciones que se lleven a cabo por la mayoría de los presentes, serán válidos.

Artículo 26.—De ser negativo el resultado del referéndum dispuesto en el artículo 24, quedarán vigentes los artículos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, y 14 de esta Ley.

CAPITULO IV

DEROGACIÓN DE OTRAS LEYES Y VIGENCIA DE ESTA

Artículo 27.—Toda ley o parte de ley que se oponga a la presente, queda por ésta derogada.

Artículo 28.—Esta Ley empezará a regir inmediatamente después de su aprobación.

Aprobada en 9 de abril de 1941.

[No. 21]

LEY

PARA ENMENDAR LA SECCION 6 DE LA LEY NUM. 87, TITULADA: "LEY PARA ESTABLECER EL DERECHO DE HOGAR SEGUNDO (HOMESTEAD), EXEN

TARLO DE UNA VENTA FORZOSA, Y FIJAR EL PROCEDIMIENTO PARA SU ANOTACIÁN EN EL REGISTRO DE LA PROPIEDAD Y SU RECLAMACION ANTE LOS TRIBUNALES DE JUSTICIA; PARA CASTIGAR A TODA PERSONA QUE INSCRIBIERE O TRATARE DE INSCRIBIR EL DERECHO DE HOGAR SEGUNDO SOBRE MAS DE UNA FINCA DE SU PROPIEDAD, Y PARA DEROGAR LA LEY TITULADA 'LEY PARA DEFINIR EL HOMESTEAD (HOGAR SEGUNDO) Y PARA EXENTARLO DE UNA VENTA FORZOSA', APROBADA EL 12 DE MARZO DE 1903, Y PARA OTROS FINES", APROBADA EL 13 DE MAYO DE 1936, Y PARA OTROS FINES.

Decrétese por la Asamblea Legislativa de Puerto Rico:

Sección 1.—La sección 6 de la Ley Núm. 87, titulada: "Ley para establecer el derecho de hogar seguro (Homestead), exentarlo de una venta forzosa, y fijar el procedimiento para su anotación en el registro de la propiedad y su reclamación ante los tribunales de justicia; para castigar a toda persona que inscribiera o tratar de inscribir el derecho de hogar seguro sobre más de una finca de su