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PROVISIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW PROVIDING
FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF RE-ELECTING HIS EXCEL-
LENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC¹

MAY 22, 1948

The Chamber of Deputies has passed and the President of the Republic hereby promulgates the abovementioned law in the following terms:

Art. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 49 of the Constitution, it shall be lawful, as an exceptional case, to re-elect the President of this Republic now in office for a second term; but it shall not be lawful to re-elect him for a third term until six years have elapsed from the date of expiration of his second term of office.

Art. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 73 of the Constitution and as an exceptional case the Chamber of Deputies shall be convened at a summons of the President of the Republic within a month from the date of the promulgation of this Constitutional Law for the purpose of electing a President of the Republic. The term of office of the elected President shall begin from the date of the termination of the term of office of the President now in office.

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