



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5925

BY REPRESENTATIVES SUANSING (E.), SUANSING (H.), MARQUEZ, LOYOLA, CANAMA, VILLARAZA-SUAREZ, SUAREZ (D.), PALMA, CABREDO, CASTRO (F.L.), DAGOOC, EBCAS, PADUANO, DE VENECIA, DALIPE AND SAVELLANO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT No. 191

AN ACT MAKING THE POSITION OF A COOPERATIVES OFFICER MANDATORY IN THE MUNICIPAL, CITY AND PROVINCIAL LEVELS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. Section 443, Book III, Title Two, Chapter 2 of
2 Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 "SEC. 443. *Officials of the Municipal Government.*
4 - (a) There shall be in each municipality a municipal
5 mayor, a municipal vice mayor, sangguniang bayan
6 members, a secretary to the sangguniang bayan, a
7 municipal treasurer, a municipal assessor, a municipal
8 accountant, a municipal budget officer, a municipal
9 planning and development coordinator, a municipal
10 engineer/building official, a municipal health officer,
11 [and] a municipal civil registrar, AND A MUNICIPAL
12 COOPERATIVES OFFICER.

1 “(b) x x x

2 “(c) x x x

3 “(d) x x x

4 “(e) x x x.”

5 SEC. 2. Section 454, Book III, Title Three, Chapter 2 of
6 Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 “SEC. 454. *Officials of the City Government.* – (a)

8 There shall be in each city a mayor, a vice mayor,
9 sangguniang panlungsod members, a secretary to the
10 sangguniang panlungsod, a city treasurer, a city
11 assessor, a city accountant, a city budget officer, a city
12 planning and development coordinator, a city engineer, a
13 city health officer, a city civil registrar, a city
14 administrator, a city legal officer, a city veterinarian, a
15 city social welfare and development officer, [and] a city
16 general services officer, AND A CITY COOPERATIVES
17 OFFICER.

18 “(b) In addition thereto, the city mayor may
19 appoint a city architect, a city information officer, a city
20 agriculturist, a city population officer, AND a city
21 environment and natural resources officer[, and a city
22 cooperatives officer].

23 “x x x

24 “(c) x x x

25 “(d) x x x

26 “(e) x x x.”

27 SEC. 3. Section 463, Book III, Title Four, Chapter 2 of
28 Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 “SEC. 463. *Officials of the Provincial Government.*

2 – (a) There shall be in each province a governor, a vice
3 governor, members of the sangguniang panlalawigan, a
4 secretary to the sangguniang panlalawigan, a provincial
5 treasurer, a provincial assessor, a provincial accountant,
6 a provincial engineer, a provincial budget officer, a
7 provincial planning and development coordinator, a
8 provincial legal officer, a provincial administrator, a
9 provincial health officer, a provincial social welfare and
10 development officer, a provincial general services officer,
11 a provincial agriculturist, [and] a provincial
12 veterinarian, AND A PROVINCIAL COOPERATIVES
13 OFFICER.

14 “(b) In addition thereto, the governor may appoint
15 a provincial population officer, a provincial natural
16 resources and environment officer, [a provincial
17 cooperative officer,] a provincial architect, and a
18 provincial information officer.

19 “x x x

20 “(c) x x x

21 “(d) x x x

22 “(e) x x x.”

23 SEC. 4. Section 487, Book III, Title Five, Article Seventeen of
24 Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended and shall now read as
25 follows:

26 “Article Seventeen. – The Cooperatives Officer

27 SEC. 487. *Qualifications, Powers and Duties.* –

28 (a) No person shall be appointed cooperatives officer

1 unless [he] ONE is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident
2 of the local government unit concerned, of good moral
3 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in
4 business administration with special training in
5 cooperatives or any related course from a recognized
6 college or university, and a first grade civil service
7 eligible or its equivalent. He must have experience in
8 cooperatives organization and management for at least
9 five (5) years in the case of [the] provincial or city
10 cooperatives officer, and three (3) years in the case of
11 [the] municipal cooperatives officer.

12 "The [appointment] POSITION of the cooperatives
13 officer is [optional] MANDATORY for the MUNICIPAL,
14 provincial and city governments.

15 "(b) The cooperatives officer shall take charge of
16 the office for the development of cooperatives
17 REGISTERED WITH THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT
18 AUTHORITY, and shall:

19 "(1) Formulate measures for the consideration of
20 the sanggunian, and provide technical assistance and
21 support to the governor or mayor, as the case may be, in
22 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic
23 services and provision of facilities through the
24 development of cooperatives, and in providing access to
25 such services and facilities;

26 "(2) Develop plans and strategies IN
27 CONSULTATION WITH THE COOPERATIVE SECTOR and,
28 upon approval thereof by the governor or mayor, as the

1 case may be, implement the same, particularly those
 2 which have to do with the integration of cooperatives
 3 principles and methods in programs and projects which
 4 the governor or mayor is empowered to implement and
 5 which the sanggunian is empowered to provide for under
 6 this Code;

7 “(3) x x x

8 “(i) x x x

9 “(ii) x x x

10 “(iii) x x x

11 “(4) x x x

12 “(5) x x x

13 “(c) x x x.”

14 SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive
 15 orders, rules and regulations, issuances or parts thereof
 16 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended
 17 accordingly.

18 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
 19 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of
 20 general circulation.

Approved,

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