

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7820, November 18, 1994 ]**

**AN ACT CREATING THE PARTIDO DEVELOPMENT  
ADMINISTRATION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,  
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Partido Development Administration Act of 1994."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to accelerate the development of lagging regions and districts in order to catch up with more advanced regions and districts through an integrated and coordinated approach.

SEC. 3. *Creation of the Partido Development Administration.* - To implement the abovementioned policy, there is hereby created a corporate body to be known as the Partido Development Administration, hereinafter referred to as the "Administration," which shall be under the supervision and direction of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. *Jurisdiction.* - The jurisdiction of the Administration covers the following municipalities in the Province of Camarines Sur: Sagnay, Tigaon, Goa, San Jose, Lagonoy, Tinambac, Siruma, Presentacion, Garchitorena and Caramoan.

Sec. 5. *Functions and Powers.* - The Administration shall have the following functions and powers:

- a. To make a comprehensive survey of the physical and natural resources of the district, including social conditions and values, and institutional systems, as well as the special problems of the area;
- b. To prepare, undertake, and implement a comprehensive and integrated development program for the district;
- c. To pass over all plans, programs, projects, and project developmental programs proposed by local government agencies within the district, public corporations, and private enterprises where such plans, programs and/or projects are related to the development of the district as envisioned in this Act. The Administration shall determine whether such plans, programs and/or projects are contributory to district development and consistent with national goals and objectives;
- d. To make recommendations to the proper agencies on the technical support, physical assistance and, generally, the level of priority to be accorded agricultural, industrial, commercial, and infrastructure projects, soliciting or requiring direct or indirect help from or through the government or any of its instrumentalities;

- e. To encourage investments in the district by extending the necessary planning, management, and technical assistance to prospective and existing investors; To help promote the economic zones and/or industrial estates established in the
- f. district;
- g. To engage in agriculture, industry, commerce or other activities within the district which may be necessary to the socioeconomic development of the area and for this purpose, whether by itself or in cooperation with private persons or entities, to organize, finance, invest in, and operate subsidiary corporations: *Provided, That the Administration shall engage only, unless public interest requires otherwise, in those activities as are in the nature of new ventures or are clearly beyond the scope, capacity or interest of private enterprises;*
- h. To receive grants, both in cash and in kind, for its capitalization and operation;
- i. To establish, operate and/or contract to operate such agencies, functional units and instrumentalities which may be necessary for the furtherance of the provisions of this Act;
- j. To adopt a corporate seal, enter into contracts, and alienate properties;
- k. To sue and be sued; and
- l. To exercise any other functions necessary to attain the purposes for which it is created.

Sec. 6. *Capitalization.* - The Administration shall have an authorized capital stock of Fifty million pesos (P50,000,000) to be subscribed and paid by the member-municipalities.

The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the member-municipalities and against the special fund provided for under Section 12 of Presidential Decree No. 1869, as amended, in addition to the projects therein.

SEC. 7. *The Board of Directors.* - The affairs and business of the Administration shall be directed and its properties managed and preserved unless otherwise provided by this Act by a Board of Directors hereinafter referred to as the "Board."

a. Composition of the Board -

The Board shall have twenty-three (23) members:

- 1. The ten (10) mayors of the member-municipalities, as ex officio members;
- 2. One (1) private sector representative from each of the member-municipalities selected from among duly organized nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and sectoral associations, such as, but not limited to farmers, fishermen, businessmen, youth, women, etc., whose terms of office shall be two (2) years;
- 3. The incumbent member of the House of Representatives representing the third congressional district of the Province of Camarines Sur, and the Administrator as ex officio members; and
- 4. The provincial development and planning coordinator of the Province of Camarines Sur.

b. Quorum and voting -

The chairman of the Board who shall have a term of two (2) years shall be elected by the Board from among themselves. The members of the Board shall have one (1) vote each. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. A decision shall, as far as practicable, be reached by consensus. If no consensus is reached, a decision shall be arrived at upon a vote of the majority of all members of the Board constituting the quorum.

c. Powers and functions of the Board -

The Board shall:

1. Formulate policies, develop programs, and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the powers and functions of the Administration;
2. Approve each year a budget to cover the operations of the Administration based upon the:
  - i. Income from the Administration's investments and projects in member-municipalities; and
  - ii. Paid-up capital and additional paid-up subscriptions.
3. Fix compensations, emoluments, and allowances of the administrator and other officers and personnel of the Administration;
4. Approve appointment of all officers and employees of the Administration in accordance with the civil service law, rules and regulations; and
5. Perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act or as may be provided in other sections of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Duties and Functions of the Chairman of the Board.* - The chairman shall:

- a. Call and preside at the meetings of the Board and shall see to it that the policies, programs, and rules and regulations developed and promulgated by it are implemented properly;
- b. Present for approval by the Board:
  1. The annual budget of the Administration;
  2. The rules and regulations needed to carry out the provisions of this Act and the amendments thereto;
  3. Other matters which he deems necessary or proper for the effective implementation of this Act; and
  4. The annual report on the activities and finances of the Administration, copies of which upon approval by the Board, shall be furnished the offices of the governor of the Province of Camarines Sur, the member of the House of Representatives representing the third district of Camarines Sur, and the two (2) provincial board members from the third district of Camarines Sur.
- c. Perform such other functions which the Board may direct to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 9. *Organizational Structure.* - The Board shall determine the organizational structure, staffing pattern, and pay scale of the officers and employees of the Administration. The Board may reorganize the same and create or abolish divisions, offices, units, branches or agencies therein, as it may deem to be required: