

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7278, March 24, 1992 ]**

**AN ACT AMENDING COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 111, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 460, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO CREATE A PUBLIC CORPORATION TO BE KNOWN AS THE BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND TO DEFINE ITS POWERS AND PURPOSES," BY STRENGTHENING THE VOLUNTEER AND DEMOCRATIC CHARACTER OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of Commonwealth Act No. 111, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The said corporation shall have the powers of perpetual succession, to sue and be sued; to enter into contracts; to acquire, own, lease, convey and dispose of such real and personal estate, land grants, rights and choses in action as shall be necessary for corporate purposes, and to accept and receive funds, real and personal property by gift, devise, bequest or other means, to conduct fund-raising activities; to adopt and use a seal, and the same to alter and destroy; to have offices and conduct its business and affairs in Metropolitan Manila and in the regions, provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays of the Philippines, to make and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Act and the laws of the Philippines, and generally to do all such acts and things, including the establishment of regulations for the election of associates and successors, as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act and promote the purposes of said corporation: Provided, That said corporation shall have no power to issue certificates of stock or to declare or pay dividends, its objectives and purposes being solely of benevolent character and not for pecuniary profit of its members.

"SEC. 3. The purpose of this corporation shall be to promote through organization and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do useful things for themselves and others, to train them in scoutcraft, and to inculcate in them patriotism, civic consciousness and responsibility, courage, self-reliance, discipline and kindred virtues, and moral values, using the method which are in common use by boy scouts."

SEC. 2. Section 4 of Commonwealth Act No. 111, as amended, is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof, Section 4 shall read as follows:

"SEC. 4. The President of the Philippines shall be the Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines."

SEC. 3. Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Commonwealth Act No. 111, as amended, are hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. The governing body of the said corporation shall consist of a National Executive Board, the members of which shall be Filipino citizens of good moral character. The Board shall be composed of the following:

"(a) One (1) charter member of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines who shall be elected by the members of the National Council at its meeting called for this purpose;

"(b) The regional chairmen of the scout regions who shall be elected by the representatives of all the local scout councils of the region during its meeting called for this purpose: Provided, That a candidate for regional chairman need not be the chairman of a local scout council;

"(c) The Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports;

"(d) The National President of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines;

"(e) One (1) senior scout, each from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao areas, to be elected by the senior scout delegates of the local scout councils to the scout youth forums in their respective areas, in its meeting called for this purpose, to represent the boy scout membership;

"(f) Twelve (12) regular members to be elected by the members of the National Council in its meeting called for this purpose;

"(g) At least ten (10) but not more than fifteen (15) additional members from the private sector who shall be elected by the members of the National Executive Board referred to in the immediately preceding paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) at the organizational meeting of the newly reconstituted National Executive Board which shall be held immediately after the meeting of the National Council wherein the twelve (12) regular members and the one (1) charter member were elected.

"Thereafter, the National Executive Board as herein fully constituted shall elect from among themselves the following officers of the corporation:

"(a) President;

"(b) Senior Vice-President;

"(c) One (1) Vice-President each from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao areas; and

"(d) Such other officers as the Board may deem necessary.

"The numerical composition of the National Executive Board shall be

provided for in the bylaws of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines: Provided, That said numerical composition shall be at least thirty (30) and not more than forty-five (45) for all elected, life and ex officio members.

"The term of office of the members of the National Executive Board shall be one (1) year, except for the regular members to be elected by the National Council whose term of office shall be three (3) years: Provided, That for the first twelve (12) regular members to be elected by the National Council, the term of office shall be as follows: the members garnering the first four (4) highest number of votes shall serve for a term of three (3) years; the members garnering the second four (4) highest number of votes shall serve for a term of two (2) years; and the members garnering the last four (4) number of votes shall serve for a term of one (1) year.

"Vacancies in the National Executive Board shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members and a member thus elected shall serve only for the unexpired term.

"The bylaws may prescribe the number of members of the National Executive Board necessary to constitute a quorum of the Board, which number shall not be less than the majority of the entire membership of the Board.

"The National Executive Board shall exercise the following powers and functions:

"(a) To make and to amend the bylaws subject to the ratification by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting of the National Council or at a special meeting called for this purpose;

"(b) To authorize and cause to be executed mortgages and liens upon the property of the corporation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the whole Board at a meeting called for this purpose;

"(c) To designate five (5) or more of their number to constitute an executive or governing committee, of which a majority shall constitute a quorum, through a resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board. Such Committee, to the extent provided in said resolution or in the bylaws of the corporation, shall have and exercise the powers of the National Executive Board in the management of the business affairs of the corporation, and may have the power to authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it;

"(d) To create standing committees and appoint the chairmen and members thereof from among themselves by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole Board. Such standing committees shall exercise such powers as may be authorized by the bylaws;

"(e) To dispose in any manner a part or the whole property of the corporation with the consent in writing and pursuant to an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the National Council; and