

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1450, June 14, 1956]

AN ACT GRANTING THE NOTRE DAME BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF COTABATO FOR RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AS WELL AS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, as well as of Act Numbered Three thousand eight hundred forty-six, entitled "An Act providing for regulation of radio stations and radio communications in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes;" Act Numbered Three thousand nine hundred ninety-seven known as the Radio Broadcasting Law; Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred forty-six, known as the Public Service Act, and their amendments, and other applicable laws, not inconsistent with this Act, the Notre Dame Broadcasting Corporation is hereby granted a franchise to construct, maintain and operate for religious, educational and cultural as well as for commercial purposes and in the public interest, radio broadcasting stations in the Province of Cotabato.

SEC. 2. This franchise shall continue for a period of twenty-five years from the date the said stations shall be put in operation, and is granted upon the express condition that the same shall be void unless the construction of at least one station be begun within one year from the date of approval of this Act and be completed within two years from said date.

SEC. 3. This franchise is likewise made upon the express condition that the grantee shall provide adequate public service time to enable the Government, thru its stations, to reach the population on important issues, shall assist in the functions of public information and education, shall conform to the ethics of honest enterprise, and shall not use its stations for the dissemination of deliberately false information or willful misrepresentation, or to the detriment of the public health, or to incite, encourage or assist in subversive or treasonable acts.

SEC. 4. The grantee's radio broadcasting stations shall not be put in actual operation until the Secretary Public Works and Communications shall have allotted the grantee the frequency and wave lengths to be under this franchise and issued to the grantee license for such use.

SEC. 5. The radio broadcasting stations of the grantee shall be so constructed and operated and the wave lengths so selected as to avoid interference with existing radio stations and to permit of the expansion of the grantee's services.

SEC. 6. A special right is reserved to the President of the Philippines in time of war,