[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 680, April 24, 1952]

AN ACT CREATING A BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION, DEFINING ITS POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of consolidating, coordinating, making more systematic and expanding the agricultural extension work now undertaken by separate bureaus and offices in the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and for the purpose of disseminating and imparting practical as well as scientific information and knowledge on agriculture, animal husbandry, fishery, soil conservation, forestry and mines, and for carrying out the other provisions of this Act, there is hereby created a bureau to be known as the Bureau of Agricultural Extension under the exclusive control and supervision of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

SEC. 2. "Agricultural extension" as used in this Act shall consist of the diffusion among the people of useful and practical information on agriculture, soil conservation, livestock, fisheries, forest conservation, public lands and natural resources laws, home economics and rural life, in order to encourage their application through field demonstrations, lectures and conferences, publications and other means of imparting information.

SEC. 3. The Bureau of Agricultural Extension shall have a head who shall be known as the Director of Agricultural Extension and an assistant who shall be known as Assistant Director of Agricultural Extension, both to be appointed, on recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments of the Congress of the Philippines and shall receive a compensation at the rate of Seven thousand two hundred pesos *per annum* and Six thousand pesos *per annum*, respectively; and shall have in the said Bureau such technical personnel and other employees to be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources as may be required to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Subject to the general supervision and control of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the head of the Bureau of Agricultural Extension shall possess the powers generally conferred upon directors of bureaus.

SEC. 4. The Agricultural Extension Division of the Bureau of Plant Industry and the Livestock Extension Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry are hereby abolished in the said Bureaus and their corresponding personnel, appropriations, equipment and facilities, including those under Commonwealth Act Numbered Eighty-five, transferred to the Bureau of Agricultural Extension. Likewise, all positions with their