

AUTHORIZING CHARTERED CITIES TO GIVE FINANCIAL AID TO COURTS OF FIRST INSTANCE

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 500, June 28, 1974

Read online (full-text search, related cases, audio case brief): <https://batas.org/library/0dc4662a3a3d/>

WHEREAS, under Section 190 of the Revised Administrative Code, the expenses for the maintenance of courts of first instance are to be borne by the provinces concerned;

WHEREAS, this provision incapacitates cities not expressly authorized by their charters to do so from extending financial aid to the courts of first instance within their jurisdictions.

WHEREAS, it is imperative that our courts of first instance and similar courts in cities be assured of adequate financial support to enable them to attain optimum performance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby decree and order that any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, a city may share in the expenses relating to the construction, repair and alteration of the courthouse, or courtroom and court offices, and the cost of the equipment and supplies, of a court of first instance or similar court within its jurisdiction.

This Decree shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

(Sgd.)

FERDINAND E. MARCOS

President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.)

ALEJANDRO MELCHOR

Executive Secretary

ABOUT BATAS.ORG

Study smarter at BATAS.org

The Philippine bar review and law-school companion built around how your brain actually remembers.

The complete Philippine law library - free for everyone.

More than 100,000 Supreme Court decisions, Republic Acts, and executive issuances - full-text searchable, browsable by category and year, and always free. No paywall, no login. This PDF came from it.

Audio case-brief lectures.

Any decision becomes a podcast-style lecture - facts, issues, ruling, and doctrine - with read-along highlighting and a hands-free presentation mode. Study while commuting, working out, or resting your eyes.

Bar review built on the science of memory.

Complete, sequenced courses for all eight bar subjects, narrated like podcasts and reinforced with retrieval practice and spaced review - the study techniques with the strongest evidence behind them.

The full law-school curriculum.

One subscription unlocks the entire J.D. curriculum - every subject, every lesson, with your progress tracked down to the paragraph so you can pick up exactly where you left off, on any device.

Mock exams that tell you where you stand.

Timed multiple-choice exams graded instantly, with per-subject score breakdowns and focus suggestions that point you at your weakest topics first.

A study planner that keeps you on pace.

Set your schedule and BATAS tells you every day whether you are on track for bar day - and exactly which lesson to take next.

Start free at <https://batas.org>

The law library is free forever - and your first lesson is one click away.

The text of this document is an official public record and remains in the public domain. Formatting, presentation, and compilation © 2026 batas.org.

Downloaded free from the batas.org Law Library. Share it freely - the library is free for every law student, bar reviewee, and practitioner.