

AN ACT TO SEPARATE THE SUB-PROVINCE OF QUIRINO FROM THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA AND CONSTITUTE IT INTO A REGULAR PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE PROVINCE OF QUIRINO.

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6394, September 10, 1971

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

SECTION 1. The Subprovince of Quirino created under Republic Act Numbered Four thousand seven hundred and thirty-four, as amended by Republic Act Numbered Five thousand five hundred and fifty-four, is hereby separated from the Province of Nueva Vizcaya, and constituted into a province to be known as the Province of Quirino.

SEC. 2. The capital of the Province of Quirino shall be the Municipality of Cabarroguis created under Republic Act Numbered Five thousand five hundred and fifty-four, amending Republic Act Numbered Four thousand seven hundred and thirty-four.

SEC. 3. The governor, vice-governor and members of the Provincial Board of the Subprovince of Quirino elected in the general elections of nineteen hundred and seventy-one shall automatically become the provincial officials of Quirino and shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

SEC. 4. The Member of the House of Representatives for the Province of Quirino shall be elected in the next Presidential elections: Provided, That the present Representative for the Lone District of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya shall, during the term of office as representative, continue to represent the new Province of Quirino. The delegates to the Constitutional Convention for the Province of Nueva Vizcaya shall likewise represent the Province of Quirino.

SEC. 5. All provisions of law applicable to regular provinces at the time of the effectivity of this Act shall be applicable to the Province of Quirino. Said province shall be within the jurisdiction of the First Judicial District.

SEC. 6. All funds and assets, obligations and liabilities pertaining to the Subprovince of Quirino at the time of the effectivity of this Act shall be transferred to, and assumed by, the Province of Quirino.

SEC. 7. All government departments, bureaus, offices, and agencies, including government-owned and controlled corporations, shall extend maximum assistance to help accelerate the economic development of this new province.

SEC. 8. The fiscal, division superintendent of schools, and highway district engineer of the subprovince shall become the provincial fiscal, division superintendent of schools, and highway district engineer of the new Province of Quirino.

SEC. 9. All other appointive officials of the Subprovince of Quirino shall continue to hold their respective offices in the province herein created except that the heads of the various offices therein shall continue to be such heads with the corresponding changes in their official designations.

SEC. 10. There shall be established in said province other national and provincial offices as prescribed under

existing laws, executive and administrative orders, governing regularly organized provinces, with their corresponding officials appointed likewise in accordance with law.

SEC. 11. The new province shall acquire corporate existence following a plebiscite to coincide with the national or local elections immediately following the approval of this Act wherein a majority of the votes cast in the Subprovmce of Quirino favor its separation from the Province of Nueva Vizcaya to be constituted into a regular province.

SEC. 12. The provisions of Republic Acts Numbered Four thousand seven hundred thirty-four and Five thousand five hundred fifty-four which are inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 13. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, September 10, 1971.

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