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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 24 May 2013, Republic Act No. 10583, converting the Mountain Province State Polytechnic College into a State University was enacted into law. The law contains a proviso that *"the incumbent President of the State College shall serve as the interim President of the University,"* and once a state college complies with the requirements for conversion, the Governing Board shall constitute a Search Committee for Presidency within three months.

Under the incumbency of the recently elected new College President last September 23, 2022, the university only needs to pass a few more requirements to be fully converted into a university. To effect a smooth transition from a State College to a university and to be consistent with the most recent laws passed, this bill seeks to amend the proviso of Section 9, RA 10583 to have the incumbent President of the College, if qualified, as the First President of the university.

In view of the foregoing reasons, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1	SECTION 1. Section 9 of Republic Act No.10583 is hereby amended to read as
2	follows:
3	"Sec. 9. The University President. –
4	"X X X
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6	" $x \times x$ The University President shall have a term of four (4)
7	years and shall be eligible for reappointment for another term:
8	Provided, That in order to effect a smooth transition to a state
9	university, the incumbent President of the Mountain Province
10	State Polytechnic College shall serve as the [interim] FIRST
11	President of the University.
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13	Within [three (3)] SIX (6) months from the [approval]
14	EXPIRATION of the [law establishing] TERM OF OFFICE
15	OF THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENT OF the University, the
16	Board shall constitute the Search Committee for the
17	Presidency (SCP).
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19	x x x."

SEC. 2. All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations that contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

5 **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the 6 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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