

composed of highly qualified and competent individuals to serve for a specific term.

The overhaul shall not be complete without the creation of an institute which shall be accountable for the development of a comprehensive and integrated research and training program for the Philippine statistical system. Hence, the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI) shall be established.

It is high time that we as a nation consolidate our knowledge and facts to be intelligently used in decision-making for our development as a State and for the upliftment of the plight of every Filipino. It is noteworthy to reiterate that this information can very well be used with our neighbors and the world whether as a tool of foresight or as a tool for solving current problems the country is now facing. The Philippines will be in an advantageous position if we as a nation can provide what Filipinos in our country and the world need, in the short, medium and long term.

Wherefore, it is deemed incumbent upon this present Congress to countenance this bill and move for its immediate passage.

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**AN ACT
REORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SYSTEM**

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* This Act shall be known as the "Philippine Statistics Act of 2008."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policies.* The State recognizes the importance of statistics as a strategic resource of the country and therefore it shall be the policy of the State to establish and maintain a statistical system that shall:

a) provide adequate, accessible, consistent, timely, reliable and relevant statistics to guide the planning and decision-making processes of the government, the private sector and the general public;

b) develop and maintain a national statistics program characterized by independence, objectivity and integrity;

c) promote efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of statistical services; and

d) support countryside development through the establishment of statistical infrastructure necessary to service the current and emerging statistical needs for local development planning.

1 Towards these goals, the State shall effect the necessary and proper
2 changes in the organizational and functional structures of the Philippine
3 Statistical System (PSS).

4 In addition, the State shall develop and strengthen the capacity of the
5 country's statistical system through the provision of adequate human,
6 technical and financial resources to achieve the objectives set forth under this
7 Act.

8 **SEC. 3.** *Objectives.* The objectives of this Act are as follows:

9 a) To provide direction and promote the orderly development of
10 the PSS;

11 b) To provide active cooperation amongst the government, the
12 general public and the private sector in the provision and maintenance of
13 accurate data;

14 c) To enhance the capacity of data producers in the PSS to come up
15 with the necessary statistical series for development planning, policy analysis
16 and decision making in the government and the private sectors;

17 d) To appreciate the value and importance of statistics;

18 e) To develop and disseminate statistical concepts, methods,
19 techniques and information technology to various users in the government
20 and the private sector; and

21 f) To continually upgrade the statistics profession to enhance its
22 contribution for the advancement and development of statistics.

23 **SEC. 4.** *Reorganization of the PSS.* The PSS, consisting of all statistical
24 organizations at all administrative levels and offices in government, the
25 personnel therein and the national statistical program, which was re-
26 organized under Executive Order (EO) No. 121 dated 30 January 2007, shall
27 be further reorganized under this Act to improve its efficiency and

1 effectiveness in meeting demands for statistics by way of consolidating
2 primary data collection activities under a single agency.

3 **SEC. 5.** *The Statistics Philippines or STATPHIL.* A national organization
4 attached to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) for
5 purposes of policy coordination called the Statistics Philippines (STATPHIL)
6 is hereby established.

7 It shall be primarily responsible for all national censuses and surveys,
8 the consolidation of selected administrative recording systems, and the
9 compilation of the national accounts.

10 The STATPHIL shall be constituted from among the existing personnel
11 and resources of the major statistical agencies engaged in primary data
12 collection and compilation of secondary data, the National Statistics Office
13 (NSO), the Technical Staff of the National Statistical Coordination Board
14 (NSCB), the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS), and the Bureau of Labor
15 and Employment Statistics (BLES).

16 The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the
17 Department of Agriculture (DA) shall maintain their respective staff bureaus
18 namely the BLES and the BAS, respectively, but their mandates shall be
19 refocused toward developing rigorous, independent economic research
20 analysis and forecasting, rather than primary data collection for designated
21 statistics.

22 The Department of Economic Statistics of the Bangko Sentral ng
23 Pilipinas (BSP) shall likewise continue to take charge of statistics on banking
24 and financial statistics, including balance of payments and flow of funds.

25 **SEC. 6.** *Functions of the STATPHIL.* The STATPHIL shall have the
26 following functions:

- 1 a) serve as the central statistical authority of the Philippine
2 government on primary data collection ;
- 3 b) collect, compile, analyze, abstract and publish statistical
4 information relating to the country's economic, social, demographic and
5 general activities and condition of the people;
- 6 c) prepare and conduct periodic censuses on population, housing,
7 agriculture, fisheries, business, industry, and other sectors of the economy;
- 8 d) prepare and conduct statistical sample surveys on all aspects of
9 socioeconomic life including agriculture, industry, trade, finance, prices and
10 marketing information, income and expenditure, education, health, culture,
11 and social situations for the use of the government and the public;
- 12 e) carry out, enforce and administer civil registration functions in
13 the country as provided for in Republic Act No. 3753 (Civil Registration
14 Systems Act);
- 15 f) collaborate with all the departments of the national government
16 in the collection, compilation, maintenance and publication of statistical
17 information, including special statistical data derived from the activities of
18 said departments;
- 19 g) promote and develop integrated social and economic statistics
20 and to coordinate plans for the integration of those statistics, including the
21 national accounts;
- 22 h) develop and maintain appropriate frameworks and standards
23 for the collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of data;
- 24 i) coordinate with all government offices and local government
25 units (LGUs) on the promotion and adoption of statistical standards involving

1 techniques, methodologies, concepts, definitions and classifications; and on
2 the avoidance of duplication in the collection of the statistical information;

3 j) conduct continuing methodological, analytical and development
4 activities, in coordination with the Philippine Statistical Research and
5 Training Institute, created under Section 13 of this Act, to improve the
6 conduct of censuses, surveys and other data collection activities;

7 k) recommend executive and legislative measures to the President
8 of the Philippines and Congress, respectively, to enhance the development of
9 the statistical activities and programs of the government;

10 l) prepare, in consultation with the Statistics Policy Council,
11 established under Section 9 of this Act, a Philippine Statistical Development
12 Program for approval of the President of the Philippines, and

13 m) implement policies on statistical matters and coordination, as
14 directed by the Statistics Policy Council.

15 **SEC. 7.** *Organizational Structure of the STATPHIL.* The STATPHIL shall
16 be headed by a National Statistician, an office created under the immediately
17 succeeding section of this Act, shall be assisted by two (2) Deputy National
18 Statisticians: 1) Deputy National Statistician for Statistics Production and
19 Coordination; and 2) Deputy National Statistician for Civil Registration and
20 Administrative Affairs.

21 The first shall supervise three (3) Assistant National Statisticians for: 1)
22 Macroeconomic Statistics; 2) Social and Agriculture Statistics; and 3)
23 Coordination and Standards.

24 The second shall, on the other hand, supervise two (2) Assistant
25 National Statisticians for: 1) Civil Registration; and 2) Administrative Affairs.

26 The Assistant National Statistician for Civil Registration shall
27 administer over the Offices for Civil Registration Operations, and Civil

1 Registration Advocacy & Research; the Assistant National Statistician for
2 Administration shall oversee the Offices for Administrative Services and
3 Financial Services; the Assistant National Statistician for Macroeconomic
4 Statistics shall oversee the Offices for Industry & Trade Statistics, and
5 National Accounts; the Assistant National Statistician for Social & Agriculture
6 Statistics shall supervise the Offices for Agriculture & Environment Statistics,
7 and Socioeconomic & Demographic Statistics; the Assistant National
8 Statistician for Coordination & Standards shall oversee the Offices for SPC
9 Affairs, Policies & Standards, Planning & International Affairs, and
10 Administrative Reporting Systems, as well as the Regional Offices.

11 **SEC. 8.** *The National Statistician.* The National Statistician, as the head of
12 the STATPHIL, shall have the rank and emoluments of an undersecretary.
13 He/she must possess reasonable experience in the management of data
14 collection, and preferably a holder of a Ph.D or at least a Masters degree in
15 Statistics. He/she shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines from
16 a list of nominees processed and obtained pursuant to Section 12 of this Act.

17 The National Statistician shall serve for a term of five (5) years with
18 reappointment. Upon completion of his/her second term, in case of
19 reappointment, he/she shall enjoy twice the benefits provided for by laws on
20 retirement.

21 The National Statistician shall perform the following duties:

- 22 a) direct and supervise the administration of the STATPHIL;
- 23 b) prescribe rules and regulations, instructions, schedule and form
24 of business of the STATPHIL, in the collection, compilation, and
25 dissemination of statistics and other information and in the conduct of any
26 census;

- 1 c) provide over-all directions in the implementation of the Civil
2 Registry Law and related issuances and exercise technical supervision over
3 the Local Civil Registrars as Civil Registrar General;
- 4 d) direct and manage the implementation and execution of
5 policies, standards, rules and regulations formulated by the SPC;
- 6 e) submit a report to the President of the Philippines through the
7 NEDA Director-General on the activities of the STATPHIL in the preceding
8 year. Such report shall also be submitted separately in the annual report to
9 Congress during the presentation of the President's budget;
- 10 f) confer with the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission and
11 the Secretary of the Department Budget and Management on the setting up of
12 minimum qualification standards, as well as the standardization of
13 classification, position and functions and salaries of statistics personnel of the
14 government;
- 15 g) confer with the Secretary of the Department of Science and
16 Technology on the application of the Scientific Career System to statistics
17 personnel of the government;
- 18 h) issue appointments of STATPHIL personnel below the rank of
19 Director;
- 20 i) represent STATPHIL as signatory to all contracts, researches
21 and other awards;
- 22 j) represent the Philippines in regional and international
23 conferences and meetings as the country's highest authority with respect to
24 statistical matters; and,
- 25 k) perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Statistics
26 Policy Council.

1 The National Statistician shall likewise supervise in-house services,
2 including the Offices for Information and Dissemination Services, for
3 Methodology and Analysis, Legal Services, and Internal Audit. Each of these
4 staff offices of the STATPHIL shall be headed by a Director IV with at least
5 one (1) Assistant Director and may have such divisions as are necessary to
6 carry out their respective functions, subject to review by the SPC.

7 **SEC. 9.** *Statistics Policy Council.* An autonomous body called the
8 Statistics Policy Council (SPC) is hereby created which shall serve as the
9 governing board of the STATPHIL.

10 It shall be responsible for the promulgation of policy and coordination
11 on all statistical matters in the government and its decisions on statistical
12 matters shall be final and *executory* for the entire PSS.

13 It shall also review and provide certification of the quality of
14 designated statistics. It shall also review the budget of the STATPHIL.

15 **SEC. 10.** *Composition of the SPC.* The SPC shall be composed of a
16 chairperson and four (4) members to be appointed by the President of the
17 Philippines from a list of nominees processed and obtained pursuant to
18 Section 12 of this Act for a term of three (3) years with reappointment. These
19 persons shall be eminent statisticians, economists, social scientists, computer
20 scientists, preferably Ph.Ds or with at least masters degrees, representing the
21 following indicative areas:

- 22 • Agriculture, Environment, Industry, Trade, Finance, Infrastructure
23 and National Accounts;
- 24 • Population & Demography, Health, Education, Welfare, Labor,
25 Employment and other Socio-Economic Sectors;

- 1 • Census and Survey Design, and Analysis;
- 2 • Theoretical Statistics; Statistical Modeling;
- 3 • Statistical Information System and Information Technology.

4 In addition, the SPC shall have two other members, the National
5 Statistician and the NEDA Deputy Director-General for National
6 Development, both of whom shall serve in an *ex-officio* capacity.

7 The SPC shall meet at least once a month for which the chairperson
8 and all its members shall be entitled to reasonable *per diems* and allowances.

9 A majority of the five members of the SPC shall constitute a quorum in
10 the conduct of its day to day affairs and business.

11 **SEC. 11.** *Powers and Functions of the SPC.* The SPC shall:

12 a) formulate policies on all matters relating to government
13 statistical operations, standards, classifications, and coordination;

14 b) prescribe designated statistics and statistical activities, which
15 shall be the sources of official statistics for government policy, planning and
16 decision-making processes, including their periodicities, disaggregation and
17 release calendar;

18 c) distribute responsibilities for the designated statistics to
19 STATPHIL and other government agencies;

20 d) review the statistical programs of the departments and agencies
21 of the national government, and the LGUs and confer with, advise and direct
22 said government organizations on all matters concerning such programs and
23 statistical activities;

24 e) review and clear, whenever necessary, the budget of STATPHIL
25 and the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute;

- 1 f) serve as the governing board of the STATPHIL and the
2 Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute;
- 3 g) conduct a performance audit of the STATPHIL and the
4 Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute and submit these to the
5 President of the Philippines through the NEDA Director General;
- 6 h) approve the Philippine Statistical Development Program;
- 7 i) recommend administrative and legislative measures to enhance
8 the development and efficiency of the PSS, including the internal structure of
9 statistical agencies;
- 10 j) formulate appropriate mechanisms for statistical coordination at
11 all administrative levels of government;
- 12 k) provide clearance to the conduct of censuses and surveys
13 undertaken by national government agencies, and LGUs; and,
- 14 l) perform functions related or analogous to the foregoing.

15 **SEC. 12.** *Nomination and Appointment in the SPC and of the National*
16 *Statistician.* The SPC chairperson and its 4 members as well as the National
17 Statistician, shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines from
18 among a list of nominees submitted by a Special Committee.

19 The Special Committee shall be composed of representatives from the
20 Philippine Statistical Association, the University of the Philippines Diliman
21 School of Statistics, the University of the Philippines Los Baños Institute of
22 Statistics, the Department of Statistics of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, and
23 the NEDA.

24 In case of a vacancy in the SPC, the successor shall serve only the
25 unexpired term.

1 **SEC. 13.** *Philippine Statistical Research & Training Institute (PSRTI).* The
2 Philippine Statistical Research & Training Institute (PSRTI) is hereby created
3 abolishing the Statistical Research and Training Center (SRTC) established
4 under the above cited EO 121.

5 As such, all the SRTC assets and liabilities, if there be any, shall be
6 transferred to the PSRTI.

7 The PSRTI shall be considered a non-stock, non-profit government
8 corporation, attached to the NEDA also for purposes of policy coordination.

9 **SEC. 14.** *Functions of the PSRTI.* The PSRTI shall carry out the following
10 functions:

- 11 • Develop a comprehensive and integrated research and training
12 program on the theories, concepts and methodologies for the
13 promotion of the statistical system;
- 14 • Undertake research on statistical concepts, definitions and methods;
- 15 • Promote collaborative research efforts among members of the
16 academic community, data producers and users;
- 17 • Conduct non-degree training programs to upgrade the quality of
18 statistics personnel and expand the statistics human resource base
19 in support of the needs of the PSS;
- 20 • Provide financial and other forms of assistance to enhance statistical
21 research and development, and;
- 22 • Develop an archive for the orderly and systematic storage of
23 statistical information, especially results of primary data collection
24 activities, of the PSS.

1 **SEC. 15.** *Composition of the PSRTI.* The PSRTI shall be headed by a
2 President with the rank and emoluments equivalent to an Assistant Secretary
3 who shall be nominated by the SPC and appointed by the President of the
4 Philippines. The PSRTI President shall have at least a Masters degree in
5 Statistics. The SPC shall serve as the PSRTI governing board, and, as such,
6 shall meet at least every semester to discuss and formulate policies for the
7 management and operations of the PSRTI. The PSRTI shall provide
8 reasonable allowances to its governing board.

9 **SEC. 16.** *PSRTI Fellows and Associates.* The PSRTI shall be authorized to
10 engage professionals, either as Fellows or Associates, for purposes of
11 conducting training sessions and researches for PSRTI. Fellows should have
12 experiences in research or training, and should preferably have earned a
13 Ph.D. in Statistics, Economics, Social Sciences, Computer Sciences, or related
14 disciplines, while Associates, should have earned at least a Masters degree in
15 the said fields. Those so engaged by the PSRTI shall be issued appointments
16 and shall be paid fees as determined by the PSRTI, and as approved by the
17 SPC.

18 **SEC. 17.** *PSRTI Endowment Fund.* The existing SRTC Endowment Fund is
19 to be transferred to the PSRTI and shall serve as the initial PSRTI Endowment
20 Fund. The PSRTI is authorized to accept into its Endowment Fund any
21 contributions, donations, bequests, grants and loans from domestic and/or
22 foreign sources government appropriations and other incomes accruing from
23 the operations of PSRTI, for purposes of executing its mandate/functions.

24 There is hereby appropriated out of any available fund in the National
25 Treasury the initial sum of at least Twenty Million Pesos (Php20,000,000.00)
26 upon the *effectivity* of this Act in order to augment the PSRTI Endowment

1 Fund. The said amount shall be automatically appropriated for the
2 succeeding years until the tenth year following the *effectivity* of this Act.

3 **SEC. 18.** *PSRTI Operating Funds.* An initial operating fund of Fifty Million
4 Pesos (Php50,000,000.00) shall be appropriated upon the *effectivity* of this Act
5 to the PSRTI.

6 For the succeeding years, the PSRTI shall submit for approval of the
7 SPC an annual financial plan. The approved financial plan shall be the basis
8 for determining the national government's contribution to finance the PSRTI
9 research and training activities which shall be made part of the annual
10 General Appropriations Act.

11 **SEC. 19.** *PSRTI Organizational Structure.* To carry out the PSRTI's daily
12 operations, the PSRTI President shall be assisted by a Vice President, who
13 shall likewise directly manage the PSS Archives Division, an Administrative
14 Services Division and two (2) Departments, namely: 1) Training Department;
15 and 2) and Research and Information Technology Department.

16 **SEC. 20.** *Uniformity of Titles/Positions.* Statistics personnel of
17 equivalent rank and salary shall be given uniform titles across departments
18 and agencies of government.

19 **SEC. 21.** *Technical Committees, Inter-agency Committees and Working Groups.*
20 The SPC may establish technical committees, inter-agency committees and
21 working groups to assist the SPC in the exercise of its function, particularly in
22 dealing with technical issues and problems on statistical matters and other
23 related areas of concern. Upon guidance of these committees, the SPC may
24 direct the STATPHIL and the PSRTI to conduct and/or coordinate research,
25 training and related activities for resolving technical issues and disseminating

1 statistical matters. These committees and working groups established by the
2 SPC shall be entitled to reasonable allowances.

3 **SEC. 22.** *Philippine Designated Statistics.* A core set of priority statistics
4 required for social and economic planning/analysis statistics, and henceforth
5 called the Philippine Designated Statistics (PDS), shall be identified by the
6 SPC. Any budgetary requirement for this purpose, as determined by the SPC,
7 shall be made available and a priority in any budgetary allocation or
8 appropriation by Congress.

9 The SPC shall issue the pertinent rules and regulations for the
10 implementation of the PDS, including the types, scope, coverage and
11 dissemination of these statistics.

12 The PDS is deemed official and shall be made available to the public
13 according to a statistical calendar. The SPC shall periodically review the
14 relevance of the PDS to the requirements of national development and shall
15 issue modifications/revisions to the PDS as may be warranted.

16 **SEC. 23.** *Penalties.* Respondents of primary data collection activities, such
17 as censuses and sample surveys, covered by the PDS shall be obliged to give
18 truthful and complete answers to statistical inquiries.

19 The penalty of three (3) months imprisonment and a fine of Five
20 Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) shall be imposed against any individual
21 respondent who shall fail to give a truthful and complete answers to any
22 statistical inquiry.

23 In cases where the respondent who shall fail to give a truthful and
24 complete answers to such statistical inquiries is a corporation, the above
25 penalty of imprisonment shall be imposed against the responsible officer,

1 director, shareholder and/or agent of said corporation and a fine ranging
2 from Fifty Thousand Pesos(Php50,000.00) to Five Hundred Thousand Pesos
3 (Php500,000.00) depending on the category of the enterprise or business
4 concerned whether small, medium or large, shall on the other hand be
5 imposed against such erring corporation or any other juridical entity.

6 **SECT. 24.** *Confidentiality of Information.* Individual data furnished by a
7 respondent to statistical inquiries, surveys and censuses of STATPHIL shall be
8 considered privileged communication and as such shall be inadmissible in
9 evidence in any proceedings.

10 STATPHIL may release aggregated information from statistical
11 inquiries, surveys and censuses. STATPHIL may also prepare microdata from
12 statistical inquiries or survey form/questionnaire/schedule for purposes of
13 research, with care to ensure that identities of a particular person, business or
14 organization will not be disclosed in whatever form. The National Statistician
15 and all staff of STATPHIL are to take a solemn oath regarding confidentiality
16 of information. Parties within STATPHIL that breach confidentiality of
17 information, whether by carelessness, improper behavior, behavior with
18 malicious intent, and use of confidential information for profit, are considered
19 guilty of an offense and shall be liable to fines to be prescribed by the SPC
20 which shall not be less than five thousand pesos (Php5,000.00) nor more than
21 Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00), and/or imprisonment of at least three (3)
22 months but not to exceed one (1) year, subject to the degree of breach of
23 information.

24 However, confidentiality of information does not apply to:

25 (a) individual data to which disclosure through publication or whatever
26 manner the respondent has given his/her written consent;

- 1 (b) individual data available to the public under any statutory or other law;
- 2 (c) individual data relating to any institution such as library, hospital, mental
3 institution, educational institution, welfare institutions correctional
4 institution and other individual patient, inmate or other person under the
5 case of any such institution;
- 6 (d) information in the form of a list or index of individual business firms,
7 establishments or organizations that contains any or all of the following
8 information;
- 9 i. the name, address, and telephone numbers;
 - 10 ii. the business and products that they are engaged in; and
 - 11 iii. the specific ranges of number of employees or persons constituting
12 its work force or engaged by it.

13 **SEC. 25.** *Survey Clearance.* The current system of statistical survey
14 clearance is to be continued. That is, all government institutions, both national
15 and local government instrumentalities, are to request clearance from the
16 STATPHIL for the conduct of surveys that are not within the scope of
17 responsibility of STATPHIL at least forty five (45) days prior to the conduct of
18 the survey. The STATPHIL is expected to expeditiously act on such requests
19 for clearance which shall be thirty (30) working days from date of complete
20 and formal request for such clearance. This clearance system shall include
21 surveys contracted out by government agencies to private institutions and
22 non-government organizations. Excluded from clearance are all surveys
23 conducted by government agencies for internal use only. Any research,
24 publication or public document utilizing results from surveys that have not
25 undergone survey clearance are to issue appropriate disclaimers.

1 Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the imposition of a
2 fine of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) to One Hundred Thousand Pesos
3 (Php100,000.00), depending on the gravity and seriousness of such non-
4 compliance.

5 **SEC. 26.** *Nondesignated Sectoral Statistics.* National and local government
6 institutions, including government owned and/or controlled corporations,
7 may generate special sectoral statistics consistent with their mandated tasks.
8 Sectoral statistics should, however, be undertaken under the direct
9 supervision of a statistical officer duly certified by the PSRTI with a Certificate
10 of Basic Statistical Competence. The executing agency should submit to
11 STATPHIL the resultant statistical reports. Databases should be given to
12 PSRTI for inclusion in the central data archive.

13 ~~SEC.~~ **SEC. 27.** *Statistics for LGUs.* The generation of provincial, city, municipal
14 and barangay statistics which are by-products of administrative reporting
15 systems inherent in administering the devolved basic services, shall be
16 continued by the LGUs consistent with the manner, form and frequency being
17 adopted by the STATPHIL and the concerned national line agencies. For the
18 generation of other statistics with sub-national disaggregation, the SPC shall
19 designate which of the statistics are to be generated by the STATPHIL and the
20 national agencies or by the local government or jointly by the national and
21 local governments. In cases where these will require the conduct of surveys
22 and other undertakings for the purpose of producing local level statistics,
23 LGUs shall share in the cost of said surveys.

24 **SEC. 28.** *Statistics Cadre.* The STATPHIL shall assign at least one
25 statistical officer in department in the executive branch. The statistical officer
26 shall be responsible for providing technical assistance in order to insure

1 proper implementation of statistics policies promulgated by the SPC. The
2 STATPHIL shall have divisions at each province, and highly urbanized city.
3 These offices shall be responsible for providing technical assistance on
4 statistics to the provincial, city and municipal governments. This technical
5 assistance includes training of city, municipal, and barangay data collectors.
6 The heads of these offices will be the point persons for all censuses, surveys
7 and other data collection conducted by the STATPHIL. These offices shall be
8 equipped to process basic data from the STATPHIL databases into province
9 and municipal level useful tabulations. Statisticians of these offices will help
10 identify minimum basic data needs for cities, municipalities and provinces
11 (starting with what is available from the LGUs and major statistical agencies
12 of the national government), design and produce a statistical database for the
13 municipalities and a statistics brochure. All LGUs shall establish their
14 respective statistical units, but they shall be responsible for the
15 recruitment/appointment of statistical personnel. Personnel of such LGU
16 statistical units should obtain a Certification of Basic Statistical Competence
17 from PSRTI. The Chiefs of the LGU statistical units shall comply with the
18 reporting/monitoring requirements imposed by the STATPHIL division
19 heads of the provincial statistical offices. Local chief executives may also
20 designate someone in each barangay to be responsible for data collection
21 required to update a minimum set of statistics and indicators. The STATPHIL
22 division heads of the provincial statistical offices will also exercise technical
23 supervision over the municipal civil registrars, including training and
24 supervision of barangay data collectors of vital events.

25 **SEC. 29.** *PSS Linkages.* The STATPHIL and PSRTI are to be linked with
26 other national government agencies and instrumentalities, and the LGUs to

1 ensure proper and sufficient coordination and the effective implementation of
2 this Act.

3 **SEC. 30.** *Improvement of Statistical Literacy.* Toward the improvement of
4 literacy in statistics and the increase of statistical human resources, the
5 Department of Education (DepEd) and Commission on Higher Education
6 (CHED) are to work with the STATPHIL and the PSRTI. The DepEd shall
7 develop mechanisms for incorporating basic statistics concepts in both the
8 primary and secondary education curriculum. The CHED shall institute
9 reforms to ensure that all college students take at least a three unit Basic
10 Statistics course, as well as provide mechanisms for promoting the quality of
11 this statistics education.

12 **SEC. 31.** *Statistics Vision 2020.* By 2020, all departments of national
13 government, government owned and/or controlled corporations, and LGUs
14 shall have established statistics units in their respective organizations to
15 provide statistical information for policy and program formulation. The
16 magnitude of these units shall depend on the extent of statistical operations in
17 the institution. The personnel in these statistical units should have a
18 Certification of Basic Statistical Competence from the PSRTI.

19 **SEC. 32.** *Abolition of Existing Government Bodies.* The NSCB, the NSO and
20 the SRTC are to be abolished and their appropriations, records and properties,
21 if any, and such personnel as may be necessary shall be transferred to the
22 STATPHIL and the PSRTI.

23 **SEC. 33.** *Transitory Provision.* Upon approval of this Act, a task force shall
24 be created to carry out the requisite and smooth transition for the effective
25 implementation of this Act.

1 The task force shall consist of the President of the Philippine Statistical
2 Association as chair with the following as members: the NSCB Secretary-
3 General, the NSO Administrator, the BAS Director, the BLES Director, the
4 SRTC Executive Director, the BSP Deputy-Governor, an undersecretary of the
5 DBM, the Dean of the UP Diliman School of Statistics, the Director of the UP
6 Los Banos Institute of Statistics, and the Deputy Director General for National
7 Development of the NEDA.

8 The task force shall be charged with the following functions:

- 9 1. prepare a more detailed organizational structure of the STATPHIL and
10 the PSRTI including the corresponding human resource complement;
- 11 2. prepare qualification standards for these human resources;
- 12 3. review the qualifications of existing personnel of the NSO, the NSCB,
13 the BAS, the SRTC and the BLES to determine who will be considered to fill in
14 the positions at the STATPHIL and the PSRTI; and
- 15 4. prepare transfer of real property, buildings, equipment and other
16 capital and financial assets of the NSO, the NSCB, the BAS, the SRTC and the
17 BLES to the STATPHIL and the PSRTI, as the case may be.

18 The Task Force shall work with dispatch on the above enumerated
19 functions preferably within one (1) year from the *effectivity* of this Act and
20 shall determine whether or not the required transition has already been
21 complied with and satisfied.

22 Nonetheless, in the interim or pending the fulfillment of the above
23 enumerated functions by the Task Force, the NSCB, the NSO, the SRTC, the
24 BLES and the BAS shall continue to discharge their respective mandates and

1 no personnel movement shall be allowed, except those scheduled for
2 compulsory retirement.

3 **SEC. 34.** *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The SPC together with the
4 STATPHIL, the PSRTI, the NEDA and other concerned agencies of
5 government that may be determined by the SPC, shall prepare and
6 promulgate, consistent with the provisions of this Act, the rules and
7 regulations required to effectively implement this Act.

8 **SEC. 35.** *Fund for Reorganization.* The amount necessary for the effective
9 implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be obtained from the
10 savings or unused appropriations, if there be any, of the agencies affected.
11 Thereafter, such sums needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
12 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

13 **SEC. 36.** *Separability Clause.* If any part, section or provision of this Act is
14 declared invalid or unconstitutional, no other parts, sections or provisions
15 thereof shall be affected thereby.

16 **SEC. 37.** *Repealing Clause.* Executive Order No. 121 and other laws,
17 decrees, ordinances, rules, regulations, other executive issuances, or parts
18 thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
19 accordingly.

20 **SEC. 38.** *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

21 Approved,