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CABREDO, CASTRO (F.L.), DAGOOC, EBCAS, PADUANO,  
DE VENECIA, DALIPE AND SAVELLANO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT  
No. 191

AN ACT MAKING THE POSITION OF A COOPERATIVES OFFICER  
MANDATORY IN THE MUNICIPAL, CITY AND PROVINCIAL  
LEVELS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
CODE OF 1991"

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

SECTION 1. Section 443, Book III, Title Two, Chapter 2 of  
Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 443. *Officials of the Municipal Government.*

– (a) There shall be in each municipality a municipal  
mayor, a municipal vice mayor, sangguniang bayan  
members, a secretary to the sangguniang bayan, a  
municipal treasurer, a municipal assessor, a municipal  
accountant, a municipal budget officer, a municipal  
planning and development coordinator, a municipal  
engineer/building official, a municipal health officer,  
[and] a municipal civil registrar, AND A MUNICIPAL  
COOPERATIVES OFFICER.

"(b) x x x

"(c) x x x

"(d) x x x

"(e) x x x."

SEC. 2. Section 454, Book III, Title Three, Chapter 2 of  
Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 454. *Officials of the City Government.* – (a)

There shall be in each city a mayor, a vice mayor,  
sangguniang panlungsod members, a secretary to the  
sangguniang panlungsod, a city treasurer, a city  
assessor, a city accountant, a city budget officer, a city  
planning and development coordinator, a city engineer, a  
city health officer, a city civil registrar, a city  
administrator, a city legal officer, a city veterinarian, a  
city social welfare and development officer, [and] a city  
general services officer, AND A CITY COOPERATIVES  
OFFICER.

"(b) In addition thereto, the city mayor may  
appoint a city architect, a city information officer, a city  
agriculturist, a city population officer, AND a city  
environment and natural resources officer[, and a city  
cooperatives officer].

"x x x

"(c) x x x

"(d) x x x

"(e) x x x."

SEC. 3. Section 463, Book III, Title Four, Chapter 2 of  
Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 463. *Officials of the Provincial Government.*

– (a) There shall be in each province a governor, a vice governor, members of the sangguniang panlalawigan, a secretary to the sangguniang panlalawigan, a provincial treasurer, a provincial assessor, a provincial accountant, a provincial engineer, a provincial budget officer, a provincial planning and development coordinator, a provincial legal officer, a provincial administrator, a provincial health officer, a provincial social welfare and development officer, a provincial general services officer, a provincial agriculturist, [and] a provincial veterinarian, AND A PROVINCIAL COOPERATIVES OFFICER.

“(b) In addition thereto, the governor may appoint a provincial population officer, a provincial natural resources and environment officer, [a provincial cooperative officer,] a provincial architect, and a provincial information officer.

“x x x

“(c) x x x

“(d) x x x

“(e) x x x.”

SEC. 4. Section 487, Book III, Title Five, Article Seventeen of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

“Article Seventeen. – The Cooperatives Officer

SEC. 487. *Qualifications, Powers and Duties.* –

(a) No person shall be appointed cooperatives officer

unless [he] ONE is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the local government unit concerned, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in business administration with special training in cooperatives or any related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have experience in cooperatives organization and management for at least five (5) years in the case of [the] provincial or city cooperatives officer, and three (3) years in the case of [the] municipal cooperatives officer.

“The [appointment] POSITION of the cooperatives officer is [optional] MANDATORY for the MUNICIPAL, provincial and city governments.

“(b) The cooperatives officer shall take charge of the office for the development of cooperatives REGISTERED WITH THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, and shall:

“(1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sanggunian, and provide technical assistance and support to the governor or mayor, as the case may be, in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and provision of facilities through the development of cooperatives, and in providing access to such services and facilities;

“(2) Develop plans and strategies IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COOPERATIVE SECTOR and, upon approval thereof by the governor or mayor, as the

case may be, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the integration of cooperatives principles and methods in programs and projects which the governor or mayor is empowered to implement and which the sanggunian is empowered to provide for under this Code;

“(3) x x x

“(i) x x x

“(ii) x x x

“(iii) x x x

“(4) x x x

“(5) x x x

“(c) x x x.”

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,