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HOUSE BILL NO. 6850



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

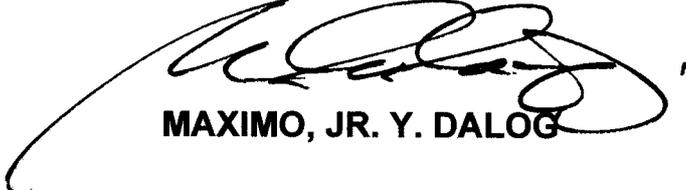
Of the House Bills converting State Colleges into Universities passed in Congress, only the bills passed into law in the 15th Congress contain a proviso that "the incumbent President of the State College shall serve as the interim President of the University." As a consequence, once a state college complies with the requirements for conversion, the Governing Board shall constitute a Search Committee for Presidency within three months.

Unlike the other laws passed in other congresses including the most recent ones, said laws provided that the incumbent President of the state college, if qualified, shall become the First President of the university.

Republic Act 10583 converting the Mountain Province State Polytechnic College (MPSPC) into a State University was passed into law during the 15th Congress on February 6, 2013. Under the incumbency of the recently elected new College President last September 23, 2022, MPSPC only needs to pass a few more requirements in order 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 his few months in office, the incumbent President asserted his dedication to work hard in complying with the requirements for conversion and his commitment to attaining his Vision, Mission and Goals for the College. Hence, it is significant that when the aforesaid requirements are finally complied, the incumbent President shall become the first university President in order not to interrupt the plans and programs currently being implemented and to ensure

continuity and sustainability of the aspirations in favor of the college. In order for the college therefore to leapfrog to a university offering quality and excellent education not only to Mountain Province but to the neighboring provinces of Kalinga and Ilocos Sur and other provinces, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10583, ENTITLED: "AN ACT CONVERTING THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONTOC, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE STATE UNIVERSITY, WITH CAMPUSES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TADIAN, BAUKO, PARCELIS AND BARLIG, ALL LOCATED IN MOUNTAIN PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."

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

Section 1. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 10583 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 9. The University President—

*"... The University President shall have a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for reappointment for another term: *Provided*, That in order to effect a smooth transition to a state university, the incumbent President of the Mountain Province State Polytechnic College shall serve as the first President of the University.*

Within six (6) months from the expiration of the term of office of the incumbent President of the University, the Board shall constitute the Search Committee for the Presidency (SCP)."

Section 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.

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

Approved,