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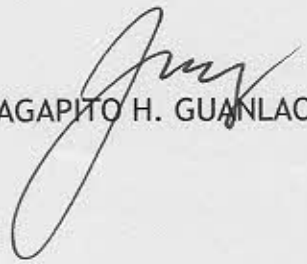
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The National Irrigation Administration plays a major role in the agricultural development of the country. Its mandate of irrigating farm lands boost the productive capacities of agricultural lands and contribute for the country's attainment of food security.

The National Irrigation Administration was created by virtue of REPUBLIC ACT 3601. It was amended by RA 1702, and was further amended by Presidential Decree 552. However, there are some provisions of the law that need to be updated and revised.

Only one member of the Board represents the private sector.

This legislative measure is being filed in order to provide more seats for the private sector, particularly the basic agricultural sector. This ensure that the basic agricultural sectors, mostly small farmers utmost participation in policy formulation and decision making. After all, these sectors are the major users of this infrastructure. Further, the addition of three (3) Board Members representing the basic agricultural sectors is empowering and an exercise in democracy, thuds the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

PROVIDING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE III, REPUBLIC ACT 3601 ALSO KNOWN AS "AN ACT GRANTING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION"

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Article III is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 4. Board of Directors. The powers and functions of the NIA shall be exercised by a Board of Directors composed of [seven] **TEN (10)** Members, to wit: [The Secretary of Public Works and Communications, who shall be the Chairman, the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Power Corporation, the Director of Plant Industry, the Director of Agricultural Extension] **SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NIA AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAY (DPWH), THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION (NPC), THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA), AND A BOARD SECRETARY SITTING AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, ALL OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES; THREE (3) REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR COMPOSED OF ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM THE FARMERS SECTOR, THE NATIONAL IRRIGATORS AND THE AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES** [and two other members who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, one on recommendation of any national rice and corn organization of good standing and the second, on the recommendation of The minority party through its duly authorized officers, and with the consent of the Commission on Appointments], **WHO SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS.** [with the exception of the two first appointees, one of whom shall serve only for two years, and the other for four years. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the Board shall serve only for the unexpired term of the appointive member whom he succeeds.]

SECTION 2. Mode of Selection and Appointment of the additional Members of the NIA Board. - The members of the NIA Board, shall draft the implementing rules and regulations that shall govern the selection and appointment process for the additional three (3) private sector members of the Board.

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. - Should any provision of this Act or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, so far as they are separable, shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after the publication in the Official Gazette and in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED,