

<b>REPUBLIC ACTS</b>
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Enacted during the Fifth Congress of the Philippines  
Second Session

H. No. 21

[REPUBLIC ACT No. 3601]

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL  
IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION

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

ARTICLE 1.—*Establishment and Objectives*

SECTION 1. *Name and domicile.*—A body corporate is hereby created which shall be known as the National Irrigation Administration, hereinafter called the NIA for short, which shall be organized immediately after the approval of this Act. It shall have its principal seat of business in the City of Manila and shall have representatives in all provinces for the proper conduct of its business.



ARTICLE IV.—*Management*

SEC 7. *Managing head.*—The management of the NIA shall be vested in the Irrigation Administrator.

SEC. 8. *Powers and duties of the Irrigation Administrator.*—The Irrigation Administrator shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To direct and manage the affairs and business of the NIA, on behalf of the Board of Directors and subject to its control and supervision;

(b) To sit in all meetings of the Board and participate in its deliberations, but without the right to vote;

ARTICLE V.—*Appointments and Promotions*

SEC. 9. *Application of Civil Service Law and Rules.*—All officers and employees of the NIA shall be subject to the Civil Service Law and Rules, except those whose positions may, upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, be declared by the President as policy-determining, primarily confidential or technical in nature.

ARTICLE VI.—*Audit*

SEC. 10. *Auditor and personnel under him.*—The Auditor General shall appoint a representative who shall be the Auditor of the NIA, and the necessary personnel to assist said representative in the performance of his duties. The number and salaries of the Auditor of the NIA and the personnel under him shall be determined by the Auditor General, subject to appropriation by the Board of Directors. In case of disagreement, the matter shall be submitted to the President of the Philippines, whose decision shall be final. Said salaries and all other expenses of maintaining the Auditor's Office shall be paid by the NIA.

SEC. 11. *Report.*—The financial transactions of the NIA shall be audited in accordance with law, administrative regulations, and the principles and procedures applicable to corporate transactions. A report of audit for each fiscal year shall be submitted, within sixty days after the close of the fiscal year, by the representative of the Auditor General, through the latter, to the Board of Directors, and copies thereof shall be furnished the President of the Philippines and the presiding officers of the two Houses of Congress. The report shall set forth the scope of the audit and shall include a statement of assets and liabilities, capital and surplus or deficit; a statement of surplus or deficit analysis; a statement of income and expenses; a statement of sources and application of funds and such comments and information as may be necessary, together with such recommendations with respect thereto as may be advisable including report of any impairment of capital noted in the audit. The report shall also show specifically any program, expenditures, or other financial transaction or undertaking observed in the course of audit which, in the opinion of the Auditor, has been carried on or made without authority of law.

ARTICLE VII.—*Miscellaneous provisions*

SEC. 12. *Abolition of the Irrigation Division of the Bureau of Public Works.*—The Irrigation Division of the Bureau of Public Works is hereby abolished, and all its

personnel, unexpended appropriations, functions, duties, equipment, records, assets and liabilities are transferred and assigned to the NIA.

SEC. 13. *Applicability of the Corporation Law.*—The provisions of the Corporation Law which are not inconsistent herewith shall be applicable to the NIA.

SEC. 14. *Implementation.*—The President of the Philippines shall by executive order issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement this Act.

SEC. 15. *Repealing clause.*—All laws, Acts, executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 16. *Effectivity.*—This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 22, 1963.

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