

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1266, December 21, 1977**]

PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, current trends in development administration require the establishment of closer coordination and linkages between national departments and agencies in carrying out national plans and programs at the regional and local levels;

WHEREAS, under existing laws, the Department of Finance exercises general supervision over the financial affairs of the local governments and is vested, among others, with the responsibility of adopting and enforcing the necessary policies and measures that will improve local treasury and assessment operations;

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance has accordingly an important role to play in operationalizing the concepts of regional planning for development in terms of an effective financial management of local funds and resources;

WHEREAS, to carry out its responsibility in helping attain regional development, it is imperative for the Department of Finance to establish its own regional office in each region of the country for purposes of providing a regional orientation and direction in the exercise of its power of direct supervision over local treasury and assessment offices;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide appropriations for the establishment, operations and maintenance of the regional offices of the Department of Finance, effective immediately;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby decree and order, as part of the law of the land, the following provisions:

SECTION 1. *Establishment of Regional Offices.* — The Department of Finance shall establish a regional office in each of the regions of the country created under Presidential Decree No. 1, as amended by Presidential Decrees Nos. 742, 773 and 879, except in Region IV, comprising the four (4) cities and thirteen (13) municipalities of Metropolitan Manila as defined under Presidential Decree No. 824.

SEC. 2. *Location and Area of Jurisdiction.* — The regional offices of the Department of Finance shall be located in the regional centers designated in the aforesaid Presidential Decrees and shall have within their respective areas of jurisdiction the groups of provinces, cities and municipalities as provided for therein.

SEC. 3. *Organization and Staffing.* — The Secretary of Finance is hereby authorized to prepare and adopt the organizational structure and staffing pattern for each regional office of the Department in such manner or form as he may deem most suited and responsive to regional administration, subject, however, to existing law and regulations prescribing position classification, rankings and pay ranges for national departments and offices.

SEC. 4. *Creation of Positions of Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors.* —There is hereby created for each regional office of the Department of Finance the positions of one (1) Regional Director for Local Government Finance, one (1) Assistant Regional Director for Local Treasury Operations and one (1) Assistant Regional Director for Real Property Assessment Operations, which positions shall be embraced under the career executive service.

SEC. 5. *Appointment of Regional Officials and Personnel.* — The Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors referred to in Section 4 hereof shall be appointed by the President, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Finance, and in the manner provided for by law for Career Executive Service Officers of the same rank. Pending the appointment and/or qualification of such Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors, the Secretary of Finance may designate from qualified and competent officials and personnel of the Department of Finance and/or from the ranks of provincial and city treasurers and assessors and assistant provincial and city treasurers and assessors such Regional Directors or Assistant Regional Directors in an acting capacity, and during their incumbency as such, they may be authorized by the Secretary to receive additional compensation and/or allowances as herein provided for.

SEC. 6. *Qualifications.* — No person shall be appointed as a regular Regional Director or Assistant Regional Director unless he is a citizen of the Philippines; of good moral character; a holder of a college degree (preferably in law, engineering, commerce or public administration) from a recognized school; a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent; with at least three (3) years experience in local government finance, real property assessment and/or local treasury work: meets the minimum qualification requirements proscribed for Career Executive service Officers of equivalent rank; and possesses such other qualifications or special skills that the Secretary of Finance may require.

SEC. 7. *Rank, Compensation and emoluments.* — The aforesaid Regional Directors for Local Government Finance and Assistant Regional Directors of the Department of Finance are hereby assigned to Career Executive Service Ranks IV and V respectively, and shall receive such compensation and other emoluments as may be authorized under existing laws or regulations for Career Executive Service Officers of the same rank; Provided, That they shall be entitled to promotions in rank and salary adjustments under existing policies and regulations of the CES Board and, *Provided, further*, that all times the salary of the Regional Director shall be at least one step higher than the salary actually received by the highest paid Provincial or City Treasurer or Assessor in the Region.

Those who are designated by the Secretary of Finance in an acting capacity shall continue to receive the salaries authorized for their regular positions payable by their respective offices but they may be entitled to receive additional compensation and/or representation, quarters, transportation and other allowances that the Secretary of Finance may authorize, at such rates as may be fixed under existing laws or regulations or, in the absence thereof, at such rates as may be determined by the Secretary: *Provided, however*, That such additional compensation shall not exceed thirty per cent (30%) of the basic salary actually received by the officer involved. Other personnel of a regional office may likewise be entitled to receive such cost-of-living allowances and reasonable transportation or other allowances authorized, under existing laws or regulations.