

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 444, May 04, 1974]

AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "THE CODE OF AGRARIAN REFORMS IN THE PHILIPPINES"

WHEREAS, certain provisions of Republic Act Numbered Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Four were amended by Presidential Decree Numbered Two Hundred and Fifty-One in order to strengthen and revitalize the Land Bank of the Philippines and thus provide it with the means to effectively discharge to its role as the financing arm of the government for land reform;

WHEREAS, further modifications in Republic Act Numbered Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Four are necessary in order to improve the organizational and administrative structure of the Land Bank of the Philippines, as well as strengthen its capital base.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution do hereby and order:

SECTION 1. A new section is hereby added after section seventy-seven of Republic Act Numbered Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Four, to read as follows:

"**SEC. 77-A.** The provisions of their respective charters to the contrary notwithstanding, all government-owned or controlled corporations, including government financial institutions, are authorized to invest in preferred shares of the Land Bank and/or accept those shares in exchange for any of their assets or properties under such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon between the corporations or institutions concerned and the Land Bank."

SEC. 2. Section eighty-six of the said Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"**SEC. 86.** *The Board of Directors; Membership; Per Diem.*—The affairs and business of the Bank shall be directed and its property managed and preserved by a Board of Directors consisting of seven (7) members to be composed of the Secretary of Finance as Chairman the President of the Bank as Vice-Chairman, the Secretary of Agrarian Reform and the Secretary of Labor as ex officio members, and three members to be elected as hereinafter provided.

"Annually, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December, the stockholders shall meet to take up, among others, the election of three (3) members of the Board of Directors for the succeeding year, each shareholder or proxy to be entitled to as many votes as he may have shares of stock registered in his name on the 31st day of October last preceding and held by him at the time of the election. The said three (3) members of the Board of Directors shall be elected preferably from the holders of the preferred shares depending on the outstanding amount of said shares, as follows: (A) Not exceeding P50 million—One member; (B) Exceeding P50 million but not over P100 million—Two members; and (C) Exceeding P100 million—Three members.