

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11309, April 20, 2019]

AN ACT RECTIFYING THE PERIOD TO CONSTITUTE THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE PALOMPON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR ITS COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, THEREBY AMENDING SECTIONS 9 AND 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10599

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

SECTION 1. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 10599, entitled "An Act Converting the Palompon Institute of Technology in the Municipality of Palompon, Province of Leyte Into a State University to be Known as the Palompon Polytechnic State University, Integrating Therewith the Marcelino R. Veloso National Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Tabango, Province of Leyte and Appropriating Funds Therefor", shall be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. *The University President.* - The University shall be headed by a President, who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board, upon recommendation of a duly constituted search committee. 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 Palompon Institute of Technology, if qualified, shall serve as the interim President of the University. However, within three (3) months from the effectivity of this Act, a new President shall be appointed by the Board.

"Within two (2) months before the expiration of the term of office of the interim President of the University, the Board shall constitute the Search Committee for the Presidency (SCP).

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SEC. 2. Section 25 of Republic Act No. 10599 shall be amended to read as follows:

"SEC.25. *CompUcaiceWhCHEDEqwremments.* - The provisions of this Act notwithstanding, the conversion of the institution into a state university shall become effective only upon the determination and declaration by the CHED, based on the recommendation of a panel of experts, that the institution has complied with the requirements for university status based on CHED Memorandum Order No. 46, series of 2012. The CHED, through its regional office, shall regularly provide