

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7292, March 24, 1992]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE SIPOCOT NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIPOCOT, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, INTO THE BICOL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Sipocot National School of Arts and Trades located in the Municipality of Sipocot, Province of Camarines Sur, is hereby converted into the Bicol Institute of Science and Technology, hereinafter referred to as the Institute.

SEC. 2. The Institute shall primarily provide higher technological, professional and vocational training consistent with the goals for local, regional and national development. It shall also promote research and provide progressive leadership in the various disciplines and areas of specialization. The Institute shall offer undergraduate courses in the field of arts and trades education and such other courses as may be necessary to meet regional and national needs for trained manpower.

SEC. 3. No student shall be denied admission to the Institute by reason of sex, ethnic consideration, or religious belief or affiliation.

SEC. 4. The Institute shall be under the direct supervision of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports and shall be headed by a vocational school superintendent II.

SEC. 5. The vocational school superintendent II shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. To recommend appropriation to the Department of Education, Culture and Sports through the regional office for the operation and maintenance of the Institute;
- b. To recommend the confirmation of titles or degrees in the fields of study stated in Section 2 of this Act to successful candidates for graduation;
- c. To recommend the confirmation of certificates and diplomas to successful candidates for graduation on courses other than degree courses;
- d. To recommend appointments submitted by the screening committee to the regional office;