

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5923, June 21, 1969 ]**

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE MOUNTAIN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE  
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF  
BENGUET, TO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE  
MOUNTAIN STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.**

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

SECTION 1. The present Mountain Agricultural College in the Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, is hereby converted into a state college to be known as Mountain State Agricultural College effective upon availability of funds.

SEC. 2. In addition to its present four-year secondary agricultural homemaking courses, one-year farm mechanics course, and four-year teacher education courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education and Bachelor of Science in Home Technology, the College will offer the following collegiate and graduate courses:

- a) Four-year technical curriculum leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture;
- b) Graduate course leading to the degree of Master of Science in Agricultural Education;
- c) Graduate course leading to the degree of Master of Science in Home Technology; and
- d) Graduate course leading to the degree of Master of Science in Agriculture.

SEC. 3. The aim of the said College shall be to provide Professional, technical, and special training and promote research, extension services, and progressive leadership in the field of agriculture and home technology.

SEC. 4. The head of the institution shall be known as the President of the Mountain State Agricultural College. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees as hereinafter provided. The powers and duties of the President of the College, in addition to those specifically provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the President of a college.

SEC. 5. The Mountain State Agricultural College shall have the general powers set

out in Section thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, as amended, and the government and administration of said College and the exercise of its corporate powers are hereby vested in the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the Secretary of Education, who shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate, the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives, the Director of Vocational Education, the Director of Public Schools, the President of the College, and the President of the Mountain State Agricultural College Alumni Association. In the absence or the inability of the Secretary of Education, or in the event that there is no incumbent Secretary of Education, the Undersecretary of Education shall act as *ex-officio* Chairman of the Board of Trustees. When both the Secretary and the Undersecretary of Education are unable to exercise the powers of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the members of the Board may elect among themselves a temporary Chairman who shall act as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation, other than actual and necessary expenses incurred either in attendance upon meetings of the Board or upon other official business authorized by resolution of the Board.

SEC. 6. The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties, in addition to its general powers of administration:

- a) To receive and appropriate to the end specified by law such sums of money as may be provided by law for the support of the College;
- b) To confer the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education, Bachelor of Science in Home Technology, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Master of Science in Agricultural Education, Master of Science in Home Technology, and Master of Science in Agriculture;
- c) To appoint, on the recommendation of the President of the College, professors, instructors, lecturers, administrative and supervisory officials, and other employees of the College as may be necessary for the effective implementation of the college program; to fix their compensation, hours of service and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; to grant to them, in its discretion, leave of absence under regulations as it may promulgate, other provisions of law notwithstanding; to prescribe rules of academic discipline for the educational and professional growth of faculty members and other personnel; and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been held;
- d) To approve the curricula and rules of discipline drawn up by the College Council as hereinafter provided;
- e) To fix the tuition fees, as well as matriculation fees, graduation fees and fees for laboratory courses, and all special fees, and to remit the same on special cases;
- f) To provide fellowships for faculty members and scholarships to students showing special evidence of merit;
- g) To provide rules for its government, and to enact for the government of the College such general ordinances and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purposes of the College, as defined in Section three of this Act;
- h) To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of and personal property of all kinds and to administer the sum for the benefit of the College or for aid to any student, in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor, and, in default, thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may, in its discretion, determine;