

Republic Act No. 5185

An act granting autonomous powers to local governments” or the “Decentralization Act of 1967

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The policy specifically empowers the local government to conduct agricultural extension services. They were given additional powers and functions for undertaking field agricultural extension work deemed necessary by the Provincial and Municipal Boards or City Councils to assist or supplement existing national programs or services. The extension services shall be funded from the provincial, city, and municipal governments' budget retained from the contribution to the National Government.

Salient Extension Provisions

Section 3. *Additional Powers and Functions.* The provincial and city governments are hereby empowered to undertake field agricultural extension work and rural health work whenever deemed to be necessary by the Provincial and Municipal Boards or City Councils to assist or supplement existing national programs or services in their respective areas of jurisdiction. These services shall be administered in accordance with the policies and programs formulated by the national offices concerned. The National Government shall render technical, financial and other assistance to local governments in connection with said services.

To enable the provincial and city governments to undertake the aforementioned functions, they shall retain the amounts heretofore contributed by provincial, city and municipal governments to the National Government for field agricultural extension and rural health work, which shall accrue to the general fund of the province.

Provided, That upon the effectivity of this Act, all personnel performing the above services whose salaries are paid out of the amounts contributed by the provincial and municipal governments, shall be absorbed by the provinces or municipalities where they are regularly or presently assigned: *Provided, however,* That the personnel heretofore mentioned shall not be laid off as a consequence of the provision of this section, and shall forthwith be subject to civil service law, rules and regulations: *And Provided, further,* That in cases of subsequent vacancies the same shall be filled in accordance with the pertinent and applicable provisions of this Act.

As a result of the provisions of this section, the Budget Commissioner shall make the necessary and corresponding adjustments in the national budget.

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