

## Section 42.—

If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is declared void, its annulment shall not affect other provisions of the law which may continue in force without resorting to the annulled provision.

## Section 43.—

The necessary funds for the operating expenses of the Administration shall be appropriated in the Budget of General Expenses of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. If for any reason the funds of said General Budget are not included, the appropriation for said year shall be the same as that of the immediately preceding year.

Section 44.—This act shall take effect on July 1, 1975. Notwithstanding, in consonance with Sections 35, 36 and 37 hereof, the necessary steps shall be taken to initiate from the date of its approval the surveys, evaluations and actions necessary to implement the transfers authorized. Furthermore, all such measures as may be necessary shall be taken to achieve an adequate transfer in accordance with the provisions of this act and laws related thereto. To those ends the Governor may appoint the Administrator immediately upon approval of this act. Likewise, he may constitute the Commission created in Section 36. The transferred programs and functions shall continue operating in the same form and manner until said transfers are completed.

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**Planning—Bureau of the Budget**

(S.B. 1077)

[No. 77]

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**AN ACT**

To amend the title and Sections 1, 30, 34 and 35; to add Section 8 and to renumber Sections 29, 30, 31, 32, 32-A, 33, 34 and 35 c Act No. 213 of May 12, 1942, as amended.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:*

Section 1.—Title of Act No. 213 of May 12, 1942, as amended, is hereby renumbered to read as follows:

To create the Bureau of the Budget, and to determine its functions, powers and duties; to authorize the framing of budget proposals; and to provide funds to enforce this act.

Section 2.—Sections 1, 30, 34 and 35 of Act No. 213 of May 12, 1942, as amended, are hereby amended, and Section 8 added thereto, and Sections 29, 30, 31, 32, 32-A, 33, 34 and 35 thereof are hereby renumbered to read as follows:

“Section 1.—<sup>50</sup>

The title of this act may be cited as the Organic Law of the Bureau of the Budget.”

“Section 2.—

“Section 3.—<sup>51</sup>Preparation of the Budget—

(1) At the beginning of each regular session, the Governor shall submit to the Legislature an Annual Budget of capital improvements and operating expenses, stating the objectives and programs of the Government that the Executive proposes for the ensuing fiscal year, based on the orientation and long-term goals of the Integral Development Plan of Puerto Rico, the Four-Years Investment Program, and the plans for the use of lands prepared and adopted by the Planning Board. To such effects, the budget shall contain, in such manner, extension or detail as the Governor may deem convenient, the following:

(a)

(b) A general exposition of the objectives, policies and strategies in which the budget is framed as well as the form in which with the funds appropriated in the Budget said objectives, policies and strategies are attained.

(c)

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(e)

(f)

(g) Recommendations as to all expenditures chargeable to any source of revenue and all appropriations that in his judgment are necessary and convenient, including those financed with bonds from the Commonwealth, after due consideration of the Integral

<sup>50</sup> 23 L.P.R.A. § 1.

<sup>51</sup> 23 L.P.R.A. § 82.

Development Plan of Puerto Rico, the Four-Years Investment Program, and the plans for the use of lands prepared by the Planning Board for the ensuing fiscal year, except that the petitions for funds for the regular operating expenses of the Controller's Office of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, shall be included by him in the budget without alteration. The Legislature and the Judicial Branch shall be exempt from submitting budgetary petitions and the Governor shall include for the latter in the budget that he may recommend an appropriation for the regular operating expenses equal to the one in force. The Judicial Branch shall directly submit to the Legislature its own petitions for funds for the regular operating expenses of said Branch. The Judicial Branch shall furnish to the Bureau of the Budget a copy of all information it submits to the Legislature so that said Bureau may advise the Legislature in regard to petitions for funds for the regular operating expenses of said Judicial Branch. The recommendations and petitions for lump sum appropriations in the proposed general budget, for each governmental agency, shall be supported in the Budget by detailed line estimates;

- (h) . . . . .
- (i) . . . . .

(2) The Bureau of the Budget under such rules, regulations, instructions or orders as the Governor may prescribe, shall carry out the functions necessary as to permit the Governor to submit to the Legislature the budget previously set forth. It shall also prepare any supplemental, amendatory, or suppletory estimates for such appropriations or expenditures as may be necessary by law. To this end, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall have authority to assemble, correlate, revise, reduce or increase the budgetary petitions of the different commonwealth organizations, except as provided in subsection (g) of this section."

- "Section 4.— . . . . .
- "Section 5.— . . . . .
- "Section 6.— . . . . .
- "Section 7.— . . . . .
- "Section 8.—<sup>52</sup>Evaluative Reports.—

The Bureau of the Budget shall submit to the Planning Board evaluative reports on activities, programs and design projects, in its development or execution stage as to determine if the objectives,

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<sup>52</sup> 23 L.P.R.A. § 86a.

goals, policies and strategies contained in the Integral Development Plan and in the Four-Years Investment Program are being implemented as provided. It should also set forth the problems, limitations and/or conflicts deserving reevaluations, changes, adjustments and refocussing, both of programs and projects, as of goals, objectives, policies and the strategies contained in said documents. The Chairman of the Planning Board, and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall establish the mechanisms so that said reports may be made as frequently as, and with the effectiveness, desired.”

“Section 9.—Repeal Clause.—

All laws or parts of laws or regulations, insofar as inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed.”

“Section 10.—Saving Clause.—

If any word, clause, sentence, section or other part of this act is for any reason questioned in any court, and adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions and parts of this act, but shall be confined in its operation to the specific word, clause, sentence, section or part so held unconstitutional or invalid; and the nullity or invalidity of any word, clause, sentence, section or part in any instance shall not be taken to affect or prejudice in any way its applicability or validity in any other case.”

Section 3.—This act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

*Approved June 24, 1975.*

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**Lands—Structure of Plans; Regulations and Permits  
Administration**

(S.B. 1078)

[No. 78]

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AN ACT

To amend subsections (c) and (e) of Section 5 of Act No. 1 of July 11, 1972, as amended.