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LAW No. 6670

ESTABLISHING THE MODERNIZATION OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM (SISEN) AND CREATING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS (INE)

THE CONGRESS OF THE PARAGUAYAN NATION ENACTS WITH THE FORCE OF

LAW:

TITLE I

SCOPE OF APPLICATION

Article 1.— Purpose and Scope of Application. This Act establishes the legal framework for the development, production, and dissemination of official statistics.

The provisions of this Act shall apply to natural or legal persons, whether public or private, domiciled or residing throughout the national territory.

TITLE II

GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND DEFINITIONS

Article 2.—Guiding Principles. Statistical activities shall be governed by the following principles:

a) Technical Independence: the principle by virtue of which statistical activities (development, compilation, and dissemination) must be carried out free from external pressures and interference in order to select the most technically appropriate means to achieve their objectives, thereby ensuring the credibility of official statistics.

b) Regulatory Centralization and Operational Decentralization: The regulatory authority shall be responsible for issuing the rules and guidelines to be used in the field of official statistics, as well as for establishing offices to fulfill its duties.

c) Impartiality: The principle whereby statistical activities must be conducted using objective, professional, and transparent methods, treating all users equally.

d) Quality: Efficiently apply procedures and resources for the production of statistics that ensure the relevance, accuracy, reliability, timeliness, punctuality, comparability, consistency, accessibility, and clarity of the information.

e) Confidentiality: To guarantee the protection and confidentiality of the information used to produce official statistics, as well as the preservation of the information source.

f) Comparability: Produce official statistics by adopting or adapting, as appropriate, the concepts, classifications, and methods recommended by international organizations specializing in statistics and by the most widely accepted practices in the field.

g) Coordination of the National Statistical System: The production and dissemination of official statistics shall be governed by the regulations issued by the National Institute of Statistics (INE) at the national, departmental, and municipal levels, according to its jurisdiction over specific subject areas.

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Article 3.—Definitions. For the purposes of this law, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

a) SISEN: National Statistical System.

b) CNE: National Statistics Council.

c) INE: National Institute of Statistics.

d) Official Statistics: those produced and disseminated by statistical offices or agencies of the National Statistical System (SISEN), within the scope of their authority.

e) National Statistical Plan: a document prepared by the National Institute of Statistics (INE) and approved by the National Statistics Council, based on information obtained from all members of the National Statistical System (SISEN), which establishes the annual production of official statistics.

f) Statistical Confidentiality: a guarantee of the confidentiality of individual information pertaining to any natural or legal person, collected by the bodies of the National Statistical System (SISEN) that produce statistics within the scope of their authority and solely for statistical purposes. The protection of such confidentiality is subject to the penalties established in this Act.

g) Statistical Data: the value assigned to each observation or unit of analysis.

h) Identified Data: data that expressly refers to the identity of the reporting unit.

i) Anonymized Data: data that protects the identity of the reporting unit.

j) **Identifiable Data:** data that allows the reporting unit to be identified.

k) Non-identifiable Data: data that does not allow the reporting unit to be identified directly or indirectly.

I) Anonymized Data: data or records that have been modified to prevent the identification of the statistical unit or record to which they are related.

m) Information sources: These are sources**of** information for the National Statistical System (SISEN), including natural persons and legal entities—whether public or private—that are located permanently or temporarily within the national territory.

n) Administrative record: a series of data regarding a fact, event, occurrence, or action, subject to regulation or control, that is collected by a public sector agency as part of its functions.

TITLE III

THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM

CHAPTER I

ON MODERNIZATION, PURPOSE, SCOPE OF COMPETENCE, FUNCTIONS, AND COORDINATION.

Article 4.—Modernization of the National Statistical System (SISEN). The National Statistical System (SISEN) shall be modernized. Its purpose is to regulate the actions and procedures related to the planning, compilation, and dissemination of statistics carried out by the State Agencies and Entities (OEE) that comprise it, so that such statistics comply with the guiding principles established in Article 2.

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The National Statistical System (SISEN) shall consist of:

a) The National Institute of Statistics (INE), as the governing body, which shall preside over it.

b) The ministries, secretariats, and national directorates of the Executive Branch.

c) The Legislative Branch.

d) The Judicial Branch.

e) The departmental and municipal governments.

f) Autonomous and self-governing entities.

g) The Central Bank of Paraguay.

h) The Comptroller General's Office.

i) The Office of the Ombudsman.

j) The Office of the Attorney General of the Republic.

k) The Public Prosecutor's Office.

I) The Judicial Council.

m) The Jury for the Impeachment of Judges.

n) State bodies of a similar nature.

Article 5.—Scope of Jurisdiction. The scope of jurisdiction of the National Statistical System (SISEN) consists of the technical and scientific tasks carried out to quantify and project economic, social, and environmental phenomena in order to produce the country's official statistics.

This includes census surveys, continuous statistics, sample surveys, population, demographic, and environmental statistics, national and departmental accounts, administrative records, economic and social analyses and research, as well as any other statistics that may be compiled in the country.

Article 6.—Functions. The National Statistical System (SISEN) shall have the following functions:

a) To produce and disseminate reliable and timely statistics to provide a better understanding of the national situation.

b) To coordinate, integrate, and streamline official statistical activities.

c) To promote the development of statistics and their application as a research tool.

d) To train staff at statistical offices, educating technical personnel in statistics and educating users to ensure a better understanding of the information provided.

e) Ensure the regular production of statistical data from censuses, surveys, and administrative records, in accordance with international best practices in the field.

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Article 7.—Coordination. The National Institute of Statistics (INE) shall be responsible for coordinating and collecting information for the operation of the National Statistical System (SISEN).

CHAPTER II

THE NATIONAL STATISTICS COUNCIL. SECTORAL OFFICES. ESTABLISHMENT. FUNCTIONS.

Article 8.—Establishment of the National Statistics Council. The National Statistics Council is hereby established as an advisory body to the National Institute of Statistics (INE), composed of the following members:

a) The Minister-Secretary General of the Office of the President of the Republic, who shall serve as its chair.

b) The National Director of the National Institute of Statistics (INE).

c) A representative of the Technical Secretariat for Economic and Social Development Planning.

d) A representative of the Ministry of Finance.

e) A representative of the Ministry of Education and Science (MEC).

f) A representative of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare (MSPYBS).

g) Representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG).

h) Representative of the Ministry of Labor, Employment, and Social Security (MTESS).

i) Representative of the Central Bank of Paraguay (BCP).

j) Representative of the Faculty of Exact and Natural Sciences (FACEN) of the National University of Asunción (UNA).

k) Representative of the Legislative Branch.

I) A representative of the Judiciary.

Article 9.—Functions of the National Statistics Council.

a) To advise the National Institute of Statistics (INE) on the definition of the general guidelines for national statistical activities and the National Statistical Plan.

b) To develop proposals regarding the country's statistical priorities.

c) Propose to the National Institute of Statistics (INE) the basic guidelines for the process of compiling and producing the statistics required for the formulation, implementation, and monitoring of the National Development Plan.

d) To recommend to the National Institute of Statistics (INE) and the other members of the National Statistical System (SISEN) the compilation of those statistics that are necessary for the country.

e) Ensure compliance with statistical confidentiality.

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Article 10.—Sectoral Offices. The offices responsible for the production and dissemination of statistics and that form part of the National Statistical System (SISEN) shall be classified as Sectoral Offices or Producing Offices, as determined by the National Institute of Statistics (INE).

If there are no offices for the production and dissemination of specific sectoral statistics and the National Institute of Statistics (INE) determines that their production is necessary, the affected State Agencies and Entities (OEE) must establish a statistical office.

Article 11.—Functions. The main functions of the Sectoral Offices are:

a) To develop the Sectoral Statistical Plan and submit it to the National Institute of Statistics (INE) for consideration within the framework of the National Statistical Plan.

b) To coordinate and supervise the implementation of the Sectoral Statistical Plan, with authority to advise on, monitor, and evaluate its progress, in accordance with the technical standards issued by the National Institute of Statistics (INE).

c) To carry out the statistical activities corresponding to their sector or to delegate their execution to another agency.

TITLE IV

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS

CHAPTER I

ESTABLISHMENT, PURPOSE, SCOPE OF AUTHORITY, FUNCTIONS, AND COORDINATION

Article 12.—Establishment of the National Institute of Statistics. Governing Authority. The National Institute of Statistics (INE) is hereby established, under the Executive Branch, to replace the General Directorate of Statistics, Surveys, and Censuses (DGEEC), as a technical and independent body responsible for overseeing official statistics and coordinating the National Statistical System (SISEN).

It is a legal entity under public law, with autonomous and self-governing status.

Article 13.—Functions. To fully exercise its powers, the National Institute of Statistics (INE) shall have the following functions:

a) Coordinate the development and implementation of the National Statistical Plan.

b) Establish the standards, models, formats, and terminology that will govern the processes for producing statistics carried out by the Institute itself and by the State Agencies and Entities (OEE) that make up the National Statistical System (SISEN), in order to consistently integrate the country's economic, social, and environmental data, without prejudice to the autonomy and specific operational requirements of these entities, which must be taken into account by the National Institute of Statistics (INE).

c) Request named data and information from all sources—whether or not they are part of the National Statistical System (SISEN)—generated in the course of administrative activities that are not subject to state secrecy or any other specific legal provision preventing its disclosure or access, for the purpose of integrating and transforming such data into strictly statistical data.

d) Provide the public, in a clear and timely manner, with the results of statistical activities, as well as the methodologies used.

e) Coordinate and carry out the production of statistics, as well as keep census maps up to date.

f) Conduct the National Population and Housing Census at least once every 10 (ten) years, with the possibility of conducting intercensal surveys.

g) Publish statistical data in accordance with the annual schedule, which must be published in January of each calendar year in the Official Gazette and in the national mass media.

h) To evaluate the quality of its statistics and those of the National Statistical System (SISEN); to promote research, development, refinement, and application of statistical methodology within the entities that generate statistics; and to support and provide technical assistance to the State's statistical services and other users through contracts and/or mutual cooperation agreements.

i) To represent the country before international organizations and participate in events related to statistical activities.

j) Provide technical and methodological advice on the drafting of international agreements of a statistical nature.

k) To safeguard the confidentiality of the information sources of the agencies of the National Statistical System (SISEN).

I) Impose fines for violations, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

m) Any other function assigned to it by law that is compatible with the nature of its duties.

Article 14.—Registered Office. The National Institute of Statistics (INE) establishes its legal domicile in the city of Fernando de la Mora and may establish regional, departmental, and municipal offices throughout the country.

Any legal action to which the National Institute of Statistics (INE) is a party must be filed with the relevant courts of the Capital.

CHAPTER II

THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Article 15.—The National Director. The National Institute of Statistics (INE) shall have a National Director, who shall be its highest authority and shall act as the entity's legal representative.

Article 16.—Appointment. The National Director of the National Institute of Statistics (INE) shall be appointed by the Executive Branch and shall serve a five-year term beginning on the date of appointment, which may be extended. In this capacity, the National Director shall be directly responsible for the technical, financial, and administrative management of the entity. In the event of temporary absence, the National Director shall be replaced on an interim basis by a Director General.

Article 17.—Requirements. The National Director must be a Paraguayan national, at least thirty years of age, of recognized good character, hold a university degree in a field related to the functions of the National Institute of Statistics (INE), and demonstrate proven competence.

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No person may serve as a manager, administrator, or director, nor may any person hold an ownership interest in a company whose purpose or line of business involves market or production research and/or data collection.

Article 18.— The National Director may be removed from office for the following reasons:

a) The Director's own resignation.

b) Loss of citizenship.

c) A court ruling declaring the Director incapable or of limited capacity to work.

d) A court conviction for a willful crime, or a prison sentence in accordance with the court's judgment.

e) The Director's death.

f) Using, for personal gain or the gain of third parties, confidential or other information obtained by virtue of his or her position, as well as disclosing such information in ways other than those authorized by the Statistics Act.

g) Failing to recuse oneself from participating in decision-making in which one's personal interests conflict with those of the National Bureau of Statistics.

h) Deliberately acting beyond or failing to exercise their authority.

i) By decision of the President of the Republic

Article 19.—Personal Liability. The National Director shall be personally liable for the consequences of his or her technical, administrative, and financial management, as well as for any decision adopted in violation of legal and regulatory provisions.

Article 20.—Duties. The duties of the National Director are:

a) To direct, coordinate, and oversee the activities of the National Institute of Statistics (INE) and the National Statistical System (SISEN), and to represent them at the national and international levels.

b) To act as the legal representative of the National Institute of Statistics (INE). The Director may also grant general and special powers of attorney for judicial and administrative proceedings.

c) To ensure the proper functioning of the National Institute of Statistics (INE).

d) To draft the Internal Regulations, the operating manual, and the organizational structure of the subordinate operational units of the National Institute of Statistics (INE), as well as any amendments necessary for its improved functioning.

e) Prepare the entity's draft budget and plan of activities.

f) Enter into agreements and contracts, and accept donations, bequests, and funds from national and international cooperation, in accordance with the relevant legal provisions for the achievement of the Institute's objectives.

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g) Appoint and remove the entity's officials, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant legislation.

h) Appoint an Acting Head of the Office in the event of the Head's temporary absence.

i) Administer the funds provided for in the General National Budget and other resources established by this law, acting as the Authorizing Officer.

j) To perform any other acts necessary for the best fulfillment of the purposes and objectives of the National Institute of Statistics (INE).

k) Any other duties established by special laws, or those necessary for the proper functioning of the National Institute of Statistics (INE).

I) Issue the regulatory acts necessary for the fulfillment of the purposes of the National Institute of Statistics (INE) and the resolutions issued in summary proceedings.

Article 21.—Incompatibilities. The position of National Director is incompatible with the exercise of any other activity or position, whether remunerated or not, with the exception of part-time teaching and research.

CHAPTER III

STRUCTURE, ORGANIZATION, AND RESOURCES

Article 22.—Organizational Structure. The initial organizational structure of the National Institute of Statistics (INE) shall be defined in the corresponding Regulatory Decree, with technical guidance from the Ministry of the Treasury.

Article 23.—Internal Organization. The National Institute of Statistics (INE) is expressly authorized to establish the internal organization of this agency through resolutions, as it deems necessary to carry out its assigned functions.

Article 24.— The Directors-General shall be appointed by the Executive Branch. The Directors and Advisors shall be appointed by the National Director by resolution.

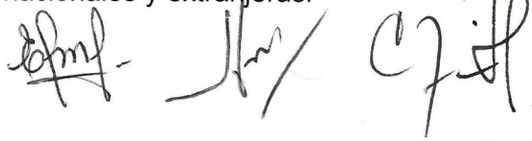
Article 25.—Requirements. To hold the position of Director General of the National Institute of Statistics (INE), a person must be a Paraguayan national, be at least thirty years of age, be of recognized good character, hold a university degree in a field related to the subject matter, and demonstrate proven competence in the respective areas.

Article 26.—Disclosure of Statistical Data. The National Institute of Statistics (INE) shall determine the manner of disclosure and frequency of all statistical data in its possession, while respecting and protecting the principles of technical independence and statistical quality, and shall ensure that the information is always disclosed in an aggregated, anonymous, and unspecified manner, in such a way that the sources of information within the system—and, in general, the individuals to whom the information pertains—cannot be identified.

Article 27.— Resources. The financial resources of the National Institute of Statistics (INE) consist**of**:

a) The amounts allocated to it in the General National Budget for each fiscal year.

b) Donations, bequests, and other contributions from individuals and legal entities, both domestic and foreign,
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c) Own revenues from the sale of publications, the performance of specific tasks, and the amount of fines imposed by the National Institute of Statistics (INE).

d) Transfers of funds from other public or private entities, as well as those arising from the execution of agreements and/or contracts.

e) Funds obtained from national or international financing sources in accordance with current legal regulations.

f) Other funds allocated to it.

Article 28.— Scholarships, internships, and financial, technical, and other resources provided through national and international cooperation related to statistical activities within the public sector are for the exclusive use of the National Statistical System (SISEN). Their use shall be regulated by the National Institute of Statistics (INE).

Article 29.—Civil Servants and Contracted Personnel. Civil servants and contracted personnel of the National Institute of Statistics (INE) shall be governed by the Civil Service Law and its supplementary regulations.

Article 30.—Budgetary Alignment. For the purposes of budgetary alignment of the National Institute of Statistics (INE), the institution's budget shall be included in the general national budget.

A period of up to two budget cycles following the enactment of this Act shall be granted for the reconciliation of accounts, positions, and budgets.

TITLE V

ON THE INSTRUMENTS OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM

CHAPTER I

NATIONAL STATISTICAL PLAN

Article 31.—Formulation of Plans. The National Institute of Statistics (INE), in its capacity as the governing body of the National Statistical System (SISEN), shall, in coordination with the members of the System, prepare the National Statistical Plan, which shall take into account statistical activities at the national and regional levels.

CHAPTER II

ON SOURCES OF INFORMATION, STATISTICAL CONFIDENTIALITY, AND THE OFFICIAL CHARACTER OF STATISTICS

Article 32.—Obligation to Provide Data. Both natural persons and legal entities, whether public or private, that serve as sources of information are obligated to provide the data requested by the National Institute of Statistics (INE) within the established deadlines and through duly authorized officials, for the production of official statistics.

Article 33.—Cooperation by State Agencies and Entities. Officials and staff assigned to public agencies and entities are required to cooperate in the collection and provision of the data and information requested by the National Institute of Statistics (INE) within the established timeframes. To this end, they shall provide the INE with any reports and documents it requests regarding the matter in question, shall provide the support and cooperation necessary for the proper exercise of its functions, and shall bring to its attention any relevant facts that could affect the results.

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With regard to requests for information protected by the confidentiality of proceedings established in Law No. 125/1991 "ESTABLISHING THE NEW TAX SYSTEM," the National Institute of Statistics (INE) may request from the Undersecretariat of State for Taxation only the information that is essential and that serves as input for the preparation of official statistics. In its request, the INE must expressly and in detail specify the information being requested and the purposes for which it will be used. The Undersecretariat of State for Taxation shall provide the information, within the scope of its authority, based on the records in its files.

Staff of the National Institute of Statistics (INE) who become aware of confidential tax information shall be bound by the same provisions established by Law No. 125/1991 "ESTABLISHING THE NEW TAX SYSTEM." Failure to comply with this duty shall result in the application of the corresponding administrative sanctions, without prejudice to the sanctions established in the Paraguayan Penal Code.

Article 34.—Statistical Confidentiality. Pursuant to the guarantee set forth in Article 3, subparagraph f) of this law, all officials engaged in statistical activities within the National Statistical System (SISEN)—regardless of their relationship with the entity—are prohibited from communicating, publicizing, or disclosing any information relating to natural or legal persons, whether public or private, named or identifiable, that they have become aware of directly or indirectly in the course of their duties.

Individual data provided for statistical purposes may not be published, disclosed, disseminated, or used for any other purpose, even with written authorization from the source of the information.

Article 35.—Scope. Data that enable the identification and individualization of information sources of the National Statistical System (SISEN) shall be protected by statistical confidentiality. The obligation to maintain statistical confidentiality applies to both the institutions of the National Statistical System (SISEN) and its agencies, as well as to their officials.

TITLE VI

ELECTRONIC PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES

SOLE CHAPTER

USE AND REGULATIONS

Article 36.—Use of Electronic Means. The conduct of administrative proceedings, as well as administrative acts issued in accordance with the regulations governing statistics, surveys, and censuses, may be carried out by computer and telematic means, in accordance with the general legal and regulatory provisions on e-government enacted in the country.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the National Institute of Statistics (INE) may use available electronic means to streamline and facilitate the performance of its assigned technical functions as it deems appropriate, ensuring that data is subject to the same security measures from the time of collection until its use.

Article 37.—Regulations. The use of electronic means must be regulated and implemented in accordance with the provisions of the special laws currently in force.

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TITLE VII

ON THE PENALTY SYSTEM

SOLE CHAPTER

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Article 38.—Violations. The following shall be considered violations of this Act:

a) Refusing, resisting, or failing to provide the data required for statistical purposes by the agencies of the National Statistical System (SISEN).

b) Providing the required data after the established deadlines.

c) Refusing to correct inconsistencies or errors in the data provided within the established deadlines.

d) Providing false or falsified data.

Article 39.—Fines. Violations shall be punishable by fines ranging from 20 (twenty) to 200 (two hundred) times the current minimum daily wage.

Article 40.—Classification of Violations. The National Institute of Statistics (INE) shall impose penalties taking into account:

a) The damages or harm that have occurred or may occur.

b) Whether the action or omission constituting the violation was intentional or not.

c) The severity of the violation.

d) Whether the offender is a repeat offender.

In the case of public institutions, the heads of public agencies or entities shall be subject to penalties, as provided for in this Act.

The administrative penalties referred to in this Title shall be imposed, without prejudice to the right of those penalized to seek redress through the administrative courts.

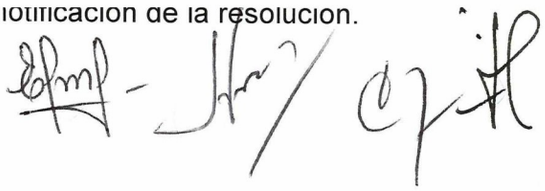
Article 41.—No Exemption. Payment of the fine does not exempt the offender from the obligation to provide the requested data. This data must be provided within the time limit expressly established in the decision imposing the fine.

Article 42.—Imposition of the Fine. The fine shall be imposed by the National Institute of Statistics (INE) through summary proceedings, which may be initiated ex officio or based on a duly substantiated and documented complaint, and must be conducted and resolved in accordance with the provisions of Book IV, Title XII, on Summary Proceedings, of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Article 43.—Motion for Reconsideration. A motion for reconsideration may be filed against any decision or administrative act of a non-regulatory nature issued by the National Institute of Statistics (INE), unless the affected party directly files an administrative lawsuit.

Article 44.—Content and Form of Filing. A motion for reconsideration must be filed in writing and must clearly and precisely state the facts and the legal grounds on which it is based. The deadline for filing such a motion is five business days, beginning on the date of notification of the decision.

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The National Institute of Statistics (INE) shall have five business days to rule on the motion for reconsideration; if no decision is rendered within that period, the motion shall be deemed denied. The filing of the motion for reconsideration shall suspend the deadline for appealing to the Court of Auditors.

Article 45.—Administrative Litigation. Administrative litigation must be filed with the Court of Auditors within 18 (eighteen) business days from the date of notification of the contested decision.

Both the motion for reconsideration and the administrative lawsuit shall have suspensive effect on the imposition of fines.

Article 46.—Payment of Fines. The amount of the fines must be paid at the offices of the National Institute of Statistics (INE) within thirty days from the date of notification by official notice.

Article 47.—Failure to Pay Fines. If the fine is not paid and a final decision has been issued, the National Institute of Statistics (INE) may bring a legal action against the offender through enforcement proceedings before the Court of First Instance in Civil and Commercial Matters of the capital, attaching a copy of the decision imposing the penalty or of the enforceable judgment, as applicable, which shall be enforceable in and of itself.

In this proceeding, the defendant may not raise any defenses other than the statute of limitations, lack of cause of action, or full payment.

Article 48.—Interest on Unpaid Fines. Any delay in the payment of a fine imposed by the National Institute of Statistics (INE) in accordance with the Law shall accrue interest at the market rate corresponding to the average lending rate.

If the fine is found to be unjustified and has nevertheless been paid, the National Institute of Statistics (INE), or the respective court, as applicable, shall order the refund of the amounts paid, with interest as established by law.

Article 49.—Statute of Limitations. The right to collect a fine is subject to a statute of limitations of 5 (five) years, counted from the date it became due.

Article 50.— Criminal Proceedings for Disclosure of Statistical Confidentiality. The disclosure of statistical confidentiality shall be punished in accordance with the offenses described in the Paraguayan Penal Code.

TITLE VIII

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

SOLE CHAPTER

Article 51.—Establishment. Upon the entry into force of this law, the General Directorate of Statistics, Surveys, and Censuses (DGEEC) shall be renamed and reorganized as the National Institute of Statistics (INE). The contracted staff and civil servants, as well as the assets and financial resources of the General Directorate of Statistics, Surveys, and Censuses (DGEEC), shall become part of the National Institute of Statistics (INE).

Article 52.—Status of Civil Servants and Contracted Staff. Civil servants of the General Directorate of Statistics, Surveys, and Censuses (DGEEC) who are actively performing their duties or who have been seconded to other agencies or institutions shall become part of the civil service staff of the National Institute of Statistics (INE), retaining all acquired rights, including seniority and salary grade.

Contract employees currently providing services to the General Directorate of Statistics, Surveys, and Censuses (DGEEC) shall continue to provide such services to the National Institute of Statistics (INE) under the same terms and conditions of their contract until the contract's termination, rescission, cancellation, or expiration.

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Article 53.—National Director. The Director General of the General Directorate of Statistics, Surveys, and Censuses who is in office at the time of the enactment of this law shall assume the position of National Director of the National Institute of Statistics (INE).

Article 54.—Powers. The National Director of the National Institute of Statistics (INE) is authorized to establish the staffing structure and to revise the budget proposal for the current fiscal year, within the framework of existing legal provisions and in accordance with the organizational structure established in this Act.

Article 55.—Transfer of Activities. The National Institute of Statistics (INE) may coordinate and evaluate, together with the relevant sectoral entities, the process of gradually transferring the activities related to the production and dissemination of statistics or indicators.

Article 56.—Regulations. The Executive Branch shall issue regulations for this Act.

Article 57.—Repeal. Decree-Law No. 11126, dated February 20, 1942, Decree No. 15,415, dated October 19, 1970, Law No. 49, dated December 27, 1989, and Articles 2, subsection (f), and 3 of Decree No. 2837, dated May 23, 1994, Decree No. 11,918, dated March 8, 2008; Decree No. 2707, dated December 1, 2014; Decree No. 3087, dated February 24, 2015; as well as all other laws, decrees, and provisions that conflict with this Act.

Article 58.— This Act shall be communicated to the Executive Branch.

The Bill was approved by the Honorable Senate on the **third day of September, two thousand twenty**, and was enacted by the Honorable Chamber of Deputies on the **first day of December, two thousand twenty**, in accordance with the provisions of Article 204 of the National Constitution.

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Let this be a Law of the Republic; let it be published and entered into the Official Register.

The President of the Republic

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