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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN**  
**INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF AUTOMATED**  
**ELECTION SYSTEM THAT WILL BE USED FOR THE 2019 AND SUCCEEDING**  
**ELECTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, on July 2017 it was reported that the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) is considering 6 options on what Automated Election System (AES) solution to implement in 2019 and succeeding elections:

- refurbishment of precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machines used in 2013
- exercise of the option to purchase the vote-counting machines (VCM) leased for the 2016 polls
- combination of refurbished PCOS and purchased VCMs
- lease of new optical mark reader (OMR) machines
- use of other systems besides an OMR
- any combination of the above<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, according to the former Secretary of the Department of Information and Technology (DICT), Rodolfo Salalima, for the 2019 polls, the Comelec Advisory Council (CAC), encourages more diversity, variety for election service providers, local and international, and less dependency, if not total freedom, from only one source or provider<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, he also noted that in the noted that in the 2010, 2013 and 2016 elections, the COMELEC used technology from the same foreign election system provider<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, there are many issues raised on the AES used in the previous automated elections;

<sup>1</sup> Rappler News Website, Comelec reviewing 6 tech options for 2019 elections, <https://www.rappler.com/nation/176778-comelec-technology-options-2019-automated-elections>

<sup>2</sup> Philstar News Website, Comelec urged to adopt flexible automated election system, <http://www.philstar.com/headlines/2017/08/17/1729979/comelec-urged-adopt-flexible-automated-election-system>

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

**WHEREAS**, the Congress shall ensure that the Automated Election System that will be used for the 2019 and succeeding elections will be secured, efficient, voter friendly, and cost effective;

**BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to direct the proper Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the status of Automated Election System that will be used for the 2019 and succeeding elections.

Adopted,



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