



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6926

BY REPRESENTATIVES FUENTEBELLA AND DEL MAR

AN ACT AMENDING PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF BATAS
PAMBANSA BILANG 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE, AS AMENDED

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

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Section 80 of the Omnibus Election
2 Code, any person who files a certificate of candidacy within the period
3 prescribed by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall only be
4 considered as a candidate at the start of the campaign period for which he filed
5 his certificate of candidacy: *Provided*, That, unlawful acts or omissions
6 applicable to a candidate which may be a ground for disqualification shall take
7 effect only upon the start of the campaign period: *Provided, further*, That, any
8 form of partisan or political activity committed by any person after the filing of
9 the certificate of candidacy but before the start of the campaign period shall
10 not constitute an unlawful act or omission.

11 A *bona fide* candidate shall be free from any form of harassment and
12 discrimination.

1 SEC. 2. The COMELEC shall issue the necessary rules and regulations
2 to implement this Act.

3 SEC. 3. All laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this
4 Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

5 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in at
6 least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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