



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7295

BY REPRESENTATIVES BELMONTE (F.), ROMUALDO, BATAOIL, SY-ALVARADO, SARMIENTO (C.), UY (J.), TAMBUNTING, CASTRO (F.H.), CATAMCO, FORTUNO, VIOLAGO, OAMINAL, OCAMPO, VILLANUEVA, PRIMICIAS-AGABAS, PANGANIBAN, SUANSING (E.), UNABIA, GARCIA (G.), TUGNA, CUARESMA, SAVELLANO, ORTEGA (P.), PADUANO, MACEDA, CHIPECO, NIETO, BELMONTE (R.) AND BATOCABE, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 636

AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES AND DEFINING AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR THIS PURPOSE, AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 13 of Republic Act No. 7166 is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 13. *Authorized Expenses of Candidates*
4 *and Political Parties.* - The aggregate amount that a

1 candidate or registered political party may spend for
2 election campaign shall be as follows:

3 "a) For candidates - [Ten] FIFTY pesos
4 [(P10.00)] (P50.00) for President [and]; FORTY PESOS
5 (P40.00) FOR Vice-President; THIRTY PESOS
6 (P30.00) FOR SENATORS, DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN,
7 GOVERNOR, VICE-GOVERNOR, BOARD MEMBERS,
8 MAYOR, VICE-MAYOR AND COUNCILORS; AND TEN
9 PESOS (P10.00) FOR PARTY-LIST PARTIES [and for
10 other candidates, Three pesos (P3.00)] for every voter
11 currently registered in the constituency where [he] THE
12 CANDIDATE filed [his] THE certificate of candidacy:
13 *Provided*, That, AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE OR a
14 candidate without any political party and without
15 support from any political party may be allowed to
16 spend [Five] FORTY pesos [(P5.00)] (P40.00) for every
17 such voter; and

18 "b) For political parties - [Five] THIRTY pesos
19 [(P5.00)] (P30.00) for every voter currently registered
20 in the constituency or constituencies where it has
21 official candidates.

22 "FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, AN INDEPENDENT
23 CANDIDATE IS FURTHER DEFINED AS ONE WHO:

24 "(A) IS NOT NOMINATED BY A DULY REGISTERED
25 POLITICAL PARTY OR COALITION OF POLITICAL PARTIES
26 OR ITS DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE;

1 **"(B) IS ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION**
2 **AND ACCEPTANCE (CONA) THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED**
3 **BY A POLITICAL PARTY OR COALITION OF POLITICAL**
4 **PARTIES NOT DULY REGISTERED WITH THE**
5 **COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (COMELEC);**

6 **"(C) REPUDIATES A NOMINATION ISSUED BY A**
7 **DULY REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTY OR COALITION OF**
8 **POLITICAL PARTIES AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE DATE OF**
9 **ELECTIONS;**

10 **"(D) ACCEPTS A NOMINATION FROM MORE THAN**
11 **ONE DULY REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTY FOR THE**
12 **SAME CONSTITUENCY, EXCEPT IN CASES OF COALITION**
13 **OF SAID POLITICAL PARTIES;**

14 **"(E) FILES A CONA AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR**
15 **THE FILING OF CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY (COC);**

16 **"(F) FILES A COC WITHOUT A CONA;**

17 **"(G) IS ISSUED A CONA THAT IS SUBSEQUENTLY**
18 **CANCELLED, REVOKED, WITHDRAWN OR SUBSTITUTED**
19 **BY THE NOMINATING PARTY AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE**
20 **DATE OF THE ELECTIONS; OR**

21 **"(H) IS NOMINATED BY A DULY REGISTERED**
22 **POLITICAL PARTY OR COALITION OF POLITICAL PARTIES**
23 **BUT WHICH NOMINATION IS DENIED DUE COURSE BY THE**
24 **COMELEC.**

25 **"Any provision of law to the contrary**
26 **notwithstanding, any contribution in cash or in kind to**
27 **any candidate or political party or coalition of parties**
28 **for campaign purposes, duly reported to the**

1 Commission, shall not be subject to the payment of any
2 gift tax.”

3 SEC. 2. The COMELEC shall, within ninety (90) days after
4 the effectivity of this Act, promulgate such rules and regulations
5 necessary to implement this Act.

6 SEC. 3. If any provision or part hereof is declared
7 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not
8 affected shall remain in full force and effect.

9 SEC. 4. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
10 rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the
11 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
12 accordingly.

13 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect immediately after
14 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers
15 of general circulation.

Approved,

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