

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3866

Introduced by **REP. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO**

AN ACT
DISQUALIFYING ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN DEFEATED IN THREE
CONSECUTIVE ELECTIONS FROM RUNNING FOR THE SAME PUBLIC OFFICE,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG., 881, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

SECTION 1. Section 68 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 881, otherwise known as the "Omnibus Election Code of the Philippines", is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Sec. 68. Disqualifications - Any candidate who, in an action or protest in which he is a party is declared by final decision of a competent court guilty of, or found by the Commission of having (a) given money or other material consideration in influence, induce or corrupt the voters or public officials performing electoral functions; (b) committed acts of terrorism to enhance his candidacy; (c) spent in his election campaign an amount in excess of that allowed by this Code; (d) solicited received or made any contribution prohibited under Sections 89, 95, 96, 9 and 104; (e) violated any Sections 80, 83, 85, 86 and 261, paragraph d, e, k, v and cc, sub-paragraph 6, shall be disqualified from continuing as a candidate, or if he has been elected, from holding the office. Any person who is a permanent resident of or an immigrant to a foreign country shall not be qualified to run for any elective office under this Code, unless said person has waived his status as permanent or immigrant of a foreign country in accordance with the residence requirement provided for in the election laws.

IN ADDITION, ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN DEFEATED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE ELECTIONS SHALL NOT BE QUALIFIED TO RUN FOR THE SAME PUBLIC OFFICE IN THE NEXT LOCAL OR NATIONAL ELECTION.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) nation newspapers or general circulation.

Approved,