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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



*Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez*

House Concurrent Resolution No. 01

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PARTICULARLY ON ARTICLES VI, X, XII, XIV and XVI**

WHEREAS, the Constitution is the fundamental and paramount law which provides the framework of governance, as well as the instrument of the people to secure their rights and promote the common welfare;

WHEREAS, the Constitution; as a covenant between the State and the people, vests on the government the duty to provide decent living conditions to its people;

WHEREAS, the mandate given to current leaders who advocated for change signifies renewed trust in the government and immense optimism in its ability and commitment to bring about improvement in the quality of life of Filipinos;

WHEREAS, recent events show that it is imperative that reforms be introduced in the present Constitution for it to be responsive to the exigencies of the times, including the need to provide a long-term solution to the decades-old conflict in Mindanao and to spur economic regional development in the countryside, and provide impetus to much needed socioeconomic and political reforms;

WHEREAS, the clamor and sentiment from a broad cross-section of society seeking a review of certain provisions in the twenty-nine (29) year old Philippine Constitution, to make it more attuned and responsive to the demands of present conditions, have not only been sustained but affirmed with the growing number of people who support the platform of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte;

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**, by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of all its Members, each House voting separately, and pursuant to Article XVII of the Constitution, to propose amendments to Articles VI, X, XII, XIV and XVI of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, with the following proposals:

**A. SENATE**

1. Section 2, Article VI (The Legislative Department) shall read as follows:

**"Section 2.** The Senate shall be composed of [twenty-four] **TWENTY-SEVEN** Senators who shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the Philippines, as may be provided by law. **THE SENATORS SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE SENATORS EACH, COMING FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REGIONS:**

- 1. NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**
- 2. NORTHERN LUZON**
- 3. SOUTHERN LUZON**
- 4. BICOL REGION**

5. EASTERN VISAYAS
6. WESTERN VISAYAS
7. NORTHERN MINDANAO
8. SOUTHERN MINDANAO
9. BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION

**THE COMPOSITION OF EACH REGION SHALL BE DETERMINED BY LAW"**

2. Section 2, Article VI (The Legislative Department) shall read as follows:

**"Section 3.** No person shall be a Senator unless he is a natural-born citizen of the Philippines and, on the day of the election, is at least thirty-five years of age, able to read and write, [a registered voter, and a resident of the Philippines] **A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE REGION IN WHICH HE IS REPRESENTING, AND A RESIDENT THEREOF FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DAY OF THE ELECTION."**

#### **B. TERM AND TERM LIMITS**

1. Section 4, Article VI (The Legislative Department) shall read as follows:

**"Section 4.** The term of office of the Senators shall be [six] **FOUR** years and shall commence, unless otherwise provided by law, at noon on the thirtieth day of June next following their election. No Senator shall serve for more than [two] **THREE** consecutive terms. Voluntary renunciation of the office for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of his service for the full term of which he was elected."

2. Section 4, Article VI (The Legislative Department) shall read as follows:

**"Section 7.** The Members of the House of Representatives shall be elected for a term of [three] **FOUR** years which shall begin, unless otherwise provided by law, at noon on the thirtieth day of June next following their election. No Member of the House of Representatives shall serve for more than three consecutive terms. Voluntary renunciation of the office for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of his service for the full term for which he was elected."

3. Section 8, Article X (Local Government) shall read as follows:

**"Section 8.** The term of office of elective local officials[, except barangay officials, which shall be determined by law,] shall be [three] **FOUR** years and no such official shall serve for more than three consecutive terms. Voluntary renunciation of the office for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of his service for the full term for which he was elected."

#### **C. ECONOMIC PROVISIONS**

1. On paragraph 1, Section 2 of Article XII (National Patrimony and Economy), insert the phrase *unless otherwise provided by law* after the fourth sentence and add a comma before the phrase, to read as follows:



**"Section 2.** All lands of the public domain, waters, minerals, coal, petroleum, and other mineral oils, all forces of potential energy, fisheries, forests or timber, wildlife, flora and fauna, and other natural resources are owned by the State. With the exception of agricultural lands, all other natural resources shall not be alienated. The exploration, development, and utilization of natural resources shall be under the full control and supervision of the State. The State may directly undertake such activities, or it may enter into co-production, joint venture, or production-sharing agreements with Filipino citizens, or corporations or associations at least 60 per centum of whose capital is owned by such citizens, **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.** Such agreements may be for a period not exceeding twenty-five years, renewable for not more than twenty-five years, and under such terms and conditions as may be provided by law. In cases of water rights for irrigation, water supply, fisheries, or industrial uses other than the development of waterpower, beneficial use may be the measure and limit of the grant."

2. On paragraph 1, Section 3 of Article XII (National Patrimony and Economy), insert the phrase *unless otherwise provided by law* after the fourth sentence and add a comma before the phrase, to read as follows:

**"Section 3.** Lands of the public domain are classified into agricultural, forest or timber, mineral lands and national parks. Agricultural lands of the public domain may be further classified by law according to the uses to which they may be devoted. Alienable lands of the public domain shall be limited to agricultural lands. Private corporations or associations may not hold such alienable lands of the public domain except by lease, for a period not exceeding twenty-five years, renewable for not more than twenty-five years, and not to exceed one thousand hectares in area, **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.** Citizens of the Philippines may lease not more than five hundred hectares, or acquire not more than twelve hectares thereof, by purchase, homestead, or grant."

3. On Section 7 of Article XII (National Patrimony and Economy), insert the phrase *unless otherwise provided by law* after the word "domain" and add a comma before the phrase, to read as follows:

**"Section 7.** Save in cases of hereditary succession, no private lands shall be transferred or conveyed except to individuals, corporations, or associations qualified to acquire or hold lands of the public domain, **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW,.**"

4. On paragraph 1, Section 10 of Article XII (National Patrimony and Economy), insert the phrase *unless otherwise provided by law* after the first sentence and add a comma before the phrase, to read as follows:

**"Section 10.** The Congress shall, upon recommendation of the economic and planning agency, when the national interest dictates, reserve to citizens of the Philippines or to corporations or associations at least sixty per centum of whose capital is owned by such citizens, or such higher percentage as Congress may prescribe, certain areas of investments, **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.** The Congress shall enact measures that will encourage the formation and operation of enterprises whose capital is wholly owned by Filipinos."

5. On Section 11 of Article XII (National Patrimony and Economy), insert the phrase *unless otherwise provided by law* between the words "citizens" and the symbol ";", in the first sentence and add a comma before the phrase; also, insert the phrase *unless otherwise provided by law* before the last sentence thereof, to read as follows:

**"Section 11.** No franchise, certificate, or any other form of authorization for the operation of a public utility shall be granted except to citizens of the Philippines or to corporations or associations organized under the laws of the Philippines, at least sixty per centum of whose capital is owned by such citizens, **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW;** nor shall such franchise, certificate, or authorization be exclusive in character or for a longer period than fifty years. Neither shall any such franchise or right be granted except under the condition that it shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by the Congress when the common good so requires. The State shall encourage equity participation in public utilities by the general public. **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW,** [T]he participation of foreign investors in the governing body of any public utility enterprise shall be limited to their proportionate share in its capital, and all the executive and managing officers of such corporation or association must be citizens of the Philippines."

6. On paragraph 1, no. 2, Section 4 of Article XIV (Education, Science and Technology, Arts, Culture and Sports) insert the phrase *unless otherwise provided by law* at the end of the first-sentence and insert a comma before the phrase. On paragraph 2, no. 2, add the phrase *unless otherwise provided by law* at the end of the sentence thereof and insert a comma before the phrase, to read as follows:

**"Section 4.**

(2) Educational institutions, other than those established by religious groups and mission boards, shall be owned solely by citizens of the Philippines or corporations or associations at least sixty per centum of the capital of which is owned by such citizens, **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.** The Congress may, however, require increased Filipino equity participation in all educational institutions.

The control and administration of educational institutions shall be vested in citizens of the Philippines, **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW."**

7. On paragraph 1, no. 1, Section 11 of Article XVI (General Provisions), add the phrase *unless otherwise provided by law* after the sentence and insert a comma before the phrase. The same with paragraph 2 of no. 2, add the phrase *unless otherwise provided by law* after the sentence with a comma before the phrase. Thereafter, insert the phrase *unless otherwise provided by law* before the last sentence thereof. Section 11 shall read as follows:

**"Section 11.**

1. The ownership and management of mass media shall be limited to citizens of the Philippines, or to corporations, cooperatives or associations, wholly-owned and managed by such citizens, **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.**

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Only Filipino citizens or corporations or associations at least seventy per centum of the capital of which is owned by such citizens shall be allowed to engage in the advertising industry, **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.**

**UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW,** [T]he participation of foreign investors in the governing body of entities in such industry shall be limited to their proportionate share in the capital thereof, and all the executive and managing officers of such entities must be citizens of the Philippines."

Adopted,

  
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