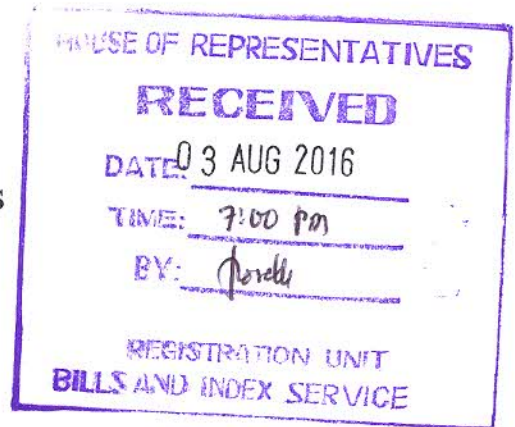




Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2509



Introduced by **HON. DAKILA CARLO E. CUA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the advent of technology and with the interconnectivity of Filipino citizens via the internet worldwide, there is a compelling need to establish a framework that will provide a medium for Filipino netizens to participate in legislative process through the use of internet,

This bill seeks to create a platform through the internet where people can start campaign, petition, review, repeal or create a law of national importance.

This crowdsourcing in the legislative process will provide an avenue for Filipino in the country and abroad to freely engage in the legislative process.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE LEGISLATIVE
PROCESS THROUGH THE USE OF THE INTERNET AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall also be known as the "*Crowdsourcing Act*".

2 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy-** The sovereignty of the State resides in its people and
3 all government authority emanates from them. This principle is hereby extended to the
4 right of citizens to participate in the legislative process through the use of new, effective,
5 and responsive communication mechanisms to promote and protect participation in all
6 levels of social, political, and economic decisions.

7 Crowdsourcing is a concept that recognizes and allows an individual and collective
8 power of the people, with the use of the Internet or other ICT systems, to contribute to the
9 formulation, improvement, or creation of laws that benefit the State.

10 **SEC. 3. Crowdsourcing in the Legislative Process.** – The Presidential Legislative
11 Liaison Office (PLLO) shall create a platform through the Internet where people can start a
12 campaign or a petition to review, amend, repeal, or create a law. This platform shall be
13 available in their website to serve as the avenue for individuals or groups to propose
14 legislations to the members of Congress. Once a proposed measure reaches three hundred
15 thousand (300,000) verified signatures, the PLLO shall forward the said proposed measure
16 to the Chairperson of the Committees on both Houses of Congress for further action.

17 All comments sent through the portal shall form part of the official and public
18 records of Congress and shall be considered in the final output of the measure.

19 **SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty (60) days from the
20 effectivity of this Act, the PLLO, in coordination with the House of Representatives and
21 Senate if the Philippines' secretariat, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations
22 for the effective implementation of this Act.

1 **SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations
2 or other issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or
3 modified accordingly.

4 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.*** – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
5 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall
6 remain in force and effect.

7 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
8 the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

9 *Approved,*