

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session



COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 208

Submitted by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms on JAN 29 2020

Re : House Bill No. 6095

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1318, 1479, 3731, 3838, 4091, 4191 and 5187.

Sponsors : The Honorable Representatives Juliet Marie de Leon Ferrer, Henry S. Oaminal and Johnny T. Pimentel

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, to which were referred

House Bill No. 1318, introduced by Rep. Jocelyn F. Fortuno, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 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"

House Bill No. 1479, introduced by Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco, Jr., entitled:

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House Bill No. 3731, introduced by Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas, entitled:

"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"

House Bill No. 3838, introduced by Rep. Henry S. Oaminal, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 4091, introduced by Rep. Lorna C. Silverio, entitled:

"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"

House Bill No. 4191, introduced by Rep. Noel L. Villanueva, entitled:

"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"

and House Bill No. 5187, introduced by Rep. Johnny T. Pimentel, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166"

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has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. _____, entitled:

**"AN ACT
INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF AUTHORIZED ELECTION CAMPAIGN EXPENSES OF
CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION
13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR
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be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1318, 1479, 3731, 3838, 4091, 4191 and 5187 with the Honorable Representatives Jocelyn F. Fortuno, Joaquin M. Chipeco, Jr., Tyrone D. Agabas, Henry S. Oaminal, Lorna C. Silverio, Noel L. Villanueva, Johnny T. Pimentel, Juliet Marie de Leon Ferrer, and Deogracias Victor 'DV' B. Savellano as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:



REP. JULIET MARIE DE LEON FERRER
Chairperson
Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6095

(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 1318, 1479, 3731,
3838, 4091, 4191 and 5187)

Introduced by the Honorable Representatives

Jocelyn F. Fortuno, Joaquin M. Chipeco, Jr., Tyrone D. Agabas, Henry S. Oaminal,
Lorna C. Silverion, Noel L. Villanueva, Johnny T. Pimentel, Juliet Marie de Leon Ferrer
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

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

"SECTION 13. *Authorized Expenses of Candidates and Political Parties.* – The [agreement] **AGGREGATE** amount that a candidate or registered political party may spend for election campaign shall be as follows:

- (a) For candidates – [Ten pesos (P10.00)] **FIFTY PESOS (P50.00)** for President, [and] Vice-President **AND SENATORS**; and for other candidates, [Three pesos (P3.00)] **THIRTY PESOS (P30.00)** for every voter currently registered in the constituency where [he] **THEY ARE SEEKING TO BE ELECTED AND HAVE** filed [his] **A** certificate of candidacy **FOR** [: *Provided*, That a candidate without a political party and without support from any political party may be allowed to spend Five pesos (P5.00) for every such voter]; and
- (b) For political parties – [Five pesos (P5.00)] **FIFTY PESOS (P50.00) FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL CANDIDATES AND THIRTY PESOS (P30.00) FOR LOCAL CANDIDATES** for every voter [currently registered in the constituency or constituencies where it has official candidates].

Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, any contribution in cash or in kind to any candidate or political party or coalition of parties for campaign purposes, duly reported to the Commission, shall not be subject to the payment of [any gift] **DONOR'S** tax."

EVERY SIX YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, THE COMMISSION SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS, THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, SHALL ADJUST THE AMOUNTS OF AUTHORIZED ELECTION CAMPAIGN EXPENSES UNDER THIS SECTION BASED ON THE INFLATION RATE AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

SEC. 2. If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 3. All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

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*Introduced by: REPS. JOCELYN F. FORTUNO, JOAQUIN M. CHIPECO, JR.,
TYRONE D. AGABAS, HENRY S. OAMINAL, LORNA C. SILVERION,
NOEL L. VILLANUEVA, JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL, JULIET MARIE DE LEON FERRER
AND DEOGRACIAS VICTOR 'DV' B. SAVELLANO*

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

Committee Chairperson: REP. JULIET MARIE DE LEON FERRER

OBJECTIVE:

- To increase the amount of authorized election campaign expenses of candidates and political parties to a more realistic level and thus encourage candidates to declare their true and actual election campaign expenses as required by law.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Mandates that the authorized expenses for the following candidates are as follows: fifty pesos (Php50.00) for President, Vice-President and Senators; and for other candidates, thirty pesos (Php30.00) for every voter currently registered in the constituency where the candidate is seeking to be elected and has filed a certificate of candidacy;
- Provides the authorized expenses for political parties are as follows: fifty pesos (Php50.00) for national candidates and thirty pesos (Php30.00) for local candidates;
- Mandates the Commission on Elections, in consultation with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the National Economic and Development Authority and the Philippine Statistics Authority to adjust the amount of authorized election campaign expenses every six (6) years based on the inflation rate and consumer price index.

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 7166
- BP Blg. 881