

1 Republic of the Philippines
2 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
3 Constitution Hills, Quezon City
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5 **EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**
6 First Regular Session
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8 **HOUSE BILL NO. 5187**
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12 **Introduced by REP. JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL**
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15 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**
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18 In 1991, Republic Act No. 7166 was enacted. This statute provided the
19 guidelines and rules for the imposition of simultaneous regular elections for
20 national and local offices once every three years. The same law also prescribed
21 for the expense limit that every candidate and political party should devote
22 for every constituent in the campaign expenditure.
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24 For candidates vying for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, a limit of Ten
25 pesos (P10) is the prescribed expenditure for every voter. For other
26 candidates, a limit of Three pesos (P3) is prescribed, where a candidate
27 without political party and without support from any political party is allowed
28 a higher limit of Five pesos (P5). In the same vein, political parties are allowed
29 to spend with a Five Pesos (P5) limit for every voter in the constituency or
30 constituencies where it has official candidates.
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32 This measure seeks to update the almost thirty-year old law with an outdated
33 expenditure limit. It should be noted that the present value of these statutory
34 amounts are no longer the same as its 1991 values. This measure increases
35 statutory limit as follows:
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- 37 i. For candidates vying for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, the
38 limit is increased to Twenty pesos (P20).
39 ii. For other candidates, the limit is increased to Ten pesos (P10). If
40 such candidate is without political party and without support from
41 any political party, the amount is increased to Fifteen pesos (P15).
42 iii. For political parties, the limit is increased to Fifteen Pesos (P15) limit
43 for every voter in the constituency or constituencies where it has
44 official candidates.

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3 The approval of this bill is earnestly sought.
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10 **REP. JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL**
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17 **AN ACT**
18 **AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166**
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20 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines*
21 *in Congress assembled:*

22 **Section 1.** Section 13 of Republic Act No. 7166, is hereby amended to read
23 as follows:

24 **Sec. 13. Authorized Expenses of Candidates and Political Parties.**

25 – The agreement amount that a candidate or registered political party
26 may spend for election campaign shall be as follows:

- 27 1. For candidates – Twenty Pesos (P20.00) for President and Vice-
28 President; and for other candidates Ten Pesos (P10.00) for
29 every voter currently registered in the constituency where he
30 filed his certificate of candidacy: Provided, That a candidate
31 without any political party and without support from any
32 political party may be allowed to spend Fifteen Pesos (P15.00)
33 for every such voter; and
34 2. For political parties. – Fifteen (P15.00) for every voter currently
35 registered in the constituency or constituencies where it has
36 official candidates.
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38 Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding any contribution
39 in cash or in kind to any candidate or political party or coalition of
40 parties for campaign purposes, duly reported to the Commission shall
41 not be subject to the payment of any gift tax.
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43 **Section 2.** Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of
44 instruction, administrative order, rule, regulation or ordinance contrary to or

1 inconsistent with the provisions of the Act is hereby repealed, modified or
2 amended accordingly.

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4 **Section 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
5 the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general
6 circulation.

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8 Approved,