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COMMITTEE REPORT NO.

Submitted by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms on FEB 1 1 2020 .

Re

6252 House Bill No.

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill Numbered 3090

Sponsors

The Honorable Representatives Juliet Marie de Leon Ferrer and

Pablo John F. Garcia

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, to which was referred House Bill No. 3090, introduced by Rep. Pablo John F. Garcia, entitled:

### "AN ACT

MAKING ELECTION EXPENSE LIMITATIONS MORE REASONABLE BY PERIODICALLY ADJUSTING THEM FOR INFLATION"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. <u>6252</u>, entitled:

### "AN ACT

MANDATING ELECTION SPENDING LIMITS, DETERMINING ELECTION CONTRIBUTION LIMITS, AND ADJUSTING THEM PERIODICALLY BASED ON THE CURRENT INFLATION RATE AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX"

be approved in substitution of House Bill Numbered 3090 with the Honorable Representatives Pablo John F. Garcia, Juliet Marie de Leon Ferrer, Pablo C. Ortega, Marisol C. Panotes, Josefina B. Tallado and Vicente 'Ching' S. E. Veloso III as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

HON. JU RIE DE LEON FERRER

Chairperson

Committee on Suffrage and Electoral

Reforms

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 6252

(In substitution of House Bill No. 3090)

Introduced by the Honorable Representatives Pablo John F. Garcia, Juliet Marie de Leon Ferrer, Pablo C. Ortega, Marisol C. Panotes, Josefina B. Tallado and Vicente 'Ching' S. E. Veloso III

#### AN ACT

MANDATING ELECTION SPENDING LIMITS, DETERMINING ELECTION CONTRIBUTION LIMITS, AND ADJUSTING THEM PERIODICALLY BASED ON THE CURRENT INFLATION RATE AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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

- SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Reasonable Election Spending and Contribution Limits Act.
- **SEC. 2.** The amount provided by law as the maximum allowable election spending limits of any candidate or political party shall be periodically adjusted by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), in coordination with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) based on the current inflation rate and the consumer price index.
- **SEC. 3.** The COMELEC shall, in coordination with NEDA and PSA, determine election contribution limits and adjust them periodically based on the current inflation rate and the consumer price index.
- **SEC. 4**. The COMELEC shall promulgate the maximum election spending and contribution limits for every election not less than three (3) months from the start of every election campaign period.
- **SEC. 5.** The COMELEC shall, in coordination with NEDA and PSA, issue the rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.
- **SEC. 6.** 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. 7.** 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. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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## AN ACT

MANDATING ELECTION SPENDING LIMITS, DETERMINING ELECTION CONTRIBUTION LIMITS, AND ADJUSTING THEM PERIODICALLY BASED ON THE CURRENT INFLATION RATE AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Introduced by: REPS. PABLO JOHN F. GARCIA, JULIET MARIE DE LEON FERRER, PABLO C. ORTEGA, MARISOL C. PANOTES, JOSEFINA B. TALLADO AND VICENTE 'CHING' S. E. VELOSO III

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS
Committee Chairperson: REP. JULIET MARIE DE LEON FERRER

### **OBJECTIVE:**

 To make election spending and contribution limits more reasonable by adjusting periodically based on the inflation rate and consumer price index.

# **KEY PROVISIONS:**

- Mandates that any amount provided by law as the maximum allowable election spending limits of any candidate or political party shall be periodically adjusted by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), in coordination with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) based on the
- Provides that the COMELEC shall, in coordination with NEDA and PSA, determine election contribution limits and adjust them periodically based on the current inflation rate and the consumer price index;
- States that the COMELEC shall, in coordination with NEDA and PSA, issue the rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

## **RELATED LAWS:**

- Republic Act No. 7166
- BP Blg. 881