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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
CALLING ON THE SENATE TO IMMEDIATELY CONSTITUTE AND CONVENE
THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE
AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM AND FOR THE SAID COMMITTEE TO
REQUIRE FROM THE ADVISORY COUNCIL THE IMMEDIATE SUBMISSION
OF ITS REPORT ON THE 2016 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9369 mandates the creation of a Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on Automated Election System (AES)[1];

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9369 further mandates that the Commission on Elections Advisory Council shall submit to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee a written report evaluating the use of the AES within six (6) months from the date of election[2];

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9369 vests upon the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee the power to conduct a comprehensive assessment and evaluation of the performance of the different AES technologies implemented during the past elections and make the necessary recommendations to Congress[3];

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9369 provides that the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee shall conduct a mandatory review of the said Act every twelve (12) months from date of the last regular national or local elections[4];

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to call on the Senate to immediately constitute and convene the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the Automated Election System for the May 9, 2016 National and Local Elections to conduct a comprehensive review of all the issues relevant to the automated elections, in order that the same may be adequately addressed by the Commission on Elections for succeeding elections, to ensure the integrity of the electoral process, so that the will of the Filipino people, expressed through their sacred right of suffrage, may not be thwarted.

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[1]Offiical Website of the Commission on Elections:
https://www.comelec.gov.ph/?r=References/RelatedLaws/ElectionLaws/AutomatedElection/RA9369
[2]Ibid
[3]Ibid
[4]Ibid