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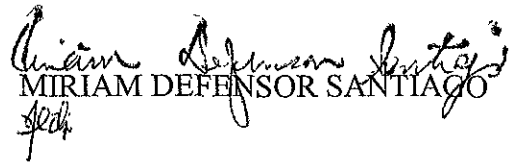
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II, Section 27, mandates the State to maintain honesty and integrity in the public service. This is designed to prevent government officers and employees from using their office for personal aggrandizement.

Government offices and premises, as long as their establishment and maintenance are paid out of public funds, should be devoted entirely to the performance of public service. Hence, the use thereof, during the election period up to the election day, in order to solicit any contribution or to raise funds for political purposes, should be prohibited.

This bill seeks to declare it unlawful for any person seeking public office to use government offices and premises in any manner that will promote his/ her election.

This bill is a product of the public hearings conducted by the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of the Codes and Laws during the 11th Congress.*


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* This bill was re-filed during the Thirteenth Congress, First Regular Session.

1 PURPOSES, in any government office or premises, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE
2 BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL
3 GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED
4 CORPORATIONS, any military or police camp, installation or office AND THE
5 LIKE, AS LONG AS THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID OFFICES OR
6 PREMISES ARE PAID OUT OF PUBLIC FUNDS. THIS PROHIBITION
7 SHALL APPLY BEFORE AND DURING ELECTION PERIOD UP TO
8 ELECTION DAY ITSELF.”

9 SECTION 2. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
10 unconstitutional, the remainder of the laws or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
11 valid and subsisting.

12 SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
13 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
14 with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

15 SECTION 4. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
16 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general publication.

17 Approved,