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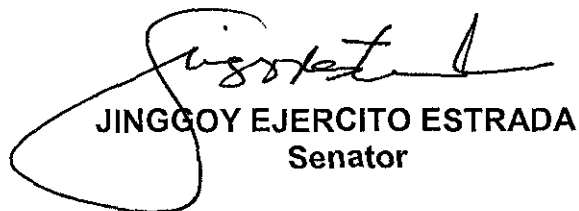
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

In a group or corporation, there are certain rights and privileges that are granted to individual members. There are also certain obligations that the members must carry out to be able to avail of said privileges. Nonetheless, it must be clear that no group, organization or corporation can force their members to pay fees for the purpose of funding organizational activities.

Because no law has been passed to protect organization and group members from this type of involuntary collection, many unwilling individuals are victims of extortion. This bill proposes to set guidelines which will define the extent to which groups and corporation may solicit funds from their members.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnest recommended.

  
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AN ACT  
TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS FROM HAVING THEIR MONEY INVOLUNTARY  
COLLECTED AND USED FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES BY A CORPORATION,  
ORGANIZATION OR GROUP

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be known as the "**Protection from  
Involuntary Collection Act**".

**SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** It is hereby declared the policy of the  
State to protect any individual by prohibiting the use of their money involuntarily  
collected from them for political activities.

**SEC. 3. Definition of Terms.** For purposes of this Act, the following  
terms shall mean:

- (a) "Labor organization" means any union or association of employees  
which exist in whole or in part for the purpose of collective bargaining  
of dealing with employees concerning terms and conditions of  
employment;
- (b) "Corporation" means an entity organized under the Corporation  
Code, including government-owned-and-controlled corporation;
- (c) "Religious Group" means any profit or non-stock association of  
individuals belonging to any religious denomination or having the  
same faith or belief;
- (d) "Civic Group" means any club or association of individuals created or  
established for the purpose of delivering public or conducting  
activities benefiting the common good;
- (e) "People's Organization" means any bona fide association of citizens  
with demonstrated capacity to promote the public interest and with  
identifiable leadership, membership and structure;
- (f) "Sectoral Organization" means a group of citizens or a coalition of  
groups of citizens who share similar physical attributes or  
characteristics, employment, interest, or concern;

- (g) "Non-Government Organization" , also known as private voluntary organization or voluntary agencies, are private, non-profit, non-stock organization or corporation, engages in long-term activities, contributing to the welfare of communities or social sector such as, but not limited: community organizing, community education, sectoral development, humanitarian or charity work, disaster relief, family planning, physical, psychological and social rehabilitation; environmental concern, human rights promotion and protection, and social amelioration;
- (h) "Government Organization" pertains to national or local agencies under the Executive, Legislative, and the Judiciary branches of the government; and,
- (i) "Political Activities" includes any communication or other activities which involves carrying on propaganda, attempting to influence legislation, or participating in any political campaign or political party.

**SEC. 4. Prohibition.** Except with the separate prior and voluntary authorization of each individual, which shall remain in effect until revoked and may be revoked and may be revoked anytime, it shall be unlawful:

- (a) for any labor organization to collect from or asses from its members or non-members any dues, fees or other payments, if any part of such dues, fees or other payments will be used for political activities;
- (b) for any corporation to collect or asses from its stockholder or employees any dues, fees, or other payments will be used for political activities;
- (c) for any religious groups or organization to collect or asses from its members or employees any dues, fees or other payments if any part of such dues, fees, or other payments will be used for political activities;
- (d) for any civic group or organization to collect or asses from its members, volunteers, and employees any dues, fees or other payments if any part such dues, fees, or payments will be used for political activities;
- (e) for any people's organization to collect or asses from its members and volunteers any dues, fees or other payments if any part of such dues, fees, or payments will be used for political activities;
- (f) for any sectoral group or organization to collect or asses from its members any dues, fees or other payments if any part of such dues, fees, or payments will be used for political activities;
- (g) for any non-government organization to collect or asses from its members, volunteers, and employees any dues, fees or other payments if nay part of such dues, fees, or payments will be used for political activities;
- (h) for any government organization to collect or asses from its employees any dues, fees or other payments if any part of such dues, fees, or payments will be used for political activities; and,

- (i) for any persons or other organizations, groups, or associations who exert control in whatever form over other individuals, such as landlords, militant groups, and the like to collect any amount of money for political activities.

**SEC. 5. *Disclosure of Purpose.*** The labor, civic, religious, government or non-government sectoral or people's organization and corporation shall specifically inform in writing the individuals concerned, of the purpose or purposes of which any amount of money shall be collected, especially if they are being collected for political activities, and not conceal their true purpose by incorporating it with other dues, fees or other payments, that can legitimately be collected from the said individuals.

**SEC. 6. *Penalty.*** A penalty in the amount of not less than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than three (3) months shall be imposed to the guilty officer, leader or employees, members or volunteers of violating organization.

**SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.*** If any provision, or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** Any law, presidential decree, issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

**SEC. 11. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*