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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8436, as amended by R.A. No. 9369, mandates the Commission on Elections to use an automated election system in the conduct of national and local elections to encourage transparency, credibility, fairness and accuracy of elections.

This bill seeks to authorize a supplemental appropriation for an Automated Election System in the amount of Eleven Billion Three Hundred One Million Seven Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos (P11,301,790,000.00) specifically for the following purposes:

(a.) Acquisition of Machines for the 2010
Automated National and Local Elections

P 9,959,710,000.00

(b.) Preparatory Activities for the 2010
Automated National and Local Elections

P 1,342,080,000.00

Total

P 11,301,790,000.00

The urgent passage of this bill will allow the conduct of an automated national and local election in 2010 and ensure an informed, free, orderly, honest, and credible election that is reflective of the will of the Filipino electorate. For these reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ELEVEN BILLION THREE HUNDRED ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND PESOS (P11,301,790,000) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR AN AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM

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

SECTION 1. Appropriations. – The amount of Eleven Billion Three Hundred One 1 Million Seven Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos (P11,301,790,000) shall hereby be 2 appropriated to supplement the budget for an Automated Election System, specifically for 3 the following purposes: 4 (a.) Acquisition of Machines for the 2010 Automated 5 Ρ National and Local Elections 9,959,710,000.00 6 (b.) Preparatory Activities for the 2010 Automated 7 National and Local Elections 1,342,080,000.00 8 P 11,301,790,000.00 Total 9 Sec. 2. Use of Funds. – The appropriated amount shall be used for the purposes 10 indicated and subject to: (i) the relevant special and general provisions of Republic Act No. 11 9498, or the FY 2008 General Appropriations Act, as reenacted, and subsequent General 12 Appropriations Acts; and (ii) the applicable provisions of Republic Act No. 8436, entitled "An 13 Act Authorizing the Commission on Elections to Use an Automated Election System in the 14 May 11, 1998 National and Local Elections and in Subsequent National and Local Electoral 15 Exercises, Providing Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes, as amended by Republic Act 16 No. 9369." 17 Sec. 3. Release of Funds. - The appropriated amount shall be released to the 18 Commission on Elections by the Department of Budget and Management in accordance 19 with the budgeting laws, rules and regulations. 20

- Sec. 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in at
- 2 least two newspapers of general circulation.
- 3 Approved,