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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5715

BY REPRESENTATIVES CUA (J.), LAGMAN, SUSANO, GONZALES (N.), DE GUZMAN, AGBAYANI, VELARDE AND ROMULO

AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ELEVEN BILLION THREE HUNDRED ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND PESOS (P11,301,790,000.00) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR AN AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Appropriations. – The sum of Eleven billion three hundred one million seven hundred ninety thousand pesos (P11,301,790,000.00) is hereby appropriated to supplement the budget for an Automated Election System including the acquisition of services, supplies and machines on a lease with option to purchase agreement/contract and mandatory biometric registration of voters.

SEC. 2. Use of Funds. – The amounts herein appropriated shall be used for the purposes indicated and subject to: (i) the relevant special and general provisions of Republic Act No. 9498, or the FY 2008 General Appropriations Act, as reenacted, and subsequent General Appropriations Acts; and (ii) the applicable provisions of Republic Act No. 8436, entitled: "An Act Authorizing the Commission on Elections to Use an Automated Election System in the

1	May 11, 1998 National or Local Elections and in Subsequent National and
2	Local Electoral Exercises, Providing Funds Therefore and for Other
3	Purposes", as amended by Republic Act No. 9369: Provided, however, That
4	disbursement of the amounts herein appropriated or any part thereof shall be
5	authorized only in strict compliance with the provisions of said Republic Act
6	No. 9369 and other election laws incorporated in said Act so as to ensure the
7	conduct of a free, orderly, clean, honest and credible election on May 10,
8	2010.

SEC. 3. Release of Funds. — The amounts herein appropriated shall be released to the Commission on Elections by the Department of Budget and Management in accordance with budgeting laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect upon its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,