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Introduced by Senator AQUILINO "KOKO" L. PIMENTEL III

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, WHETHER THE NEW FORM FOR THE STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH (SALN) AS PRESCRIBED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BEGINNING YEAR 2011 CONFORMS TO THE LAW

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article XI of the Constitution mandates that: "A public officer or employee shall, upon assumption of office and as often thereafter as may be required by law submit a declaration under oath of his assets, liabilities, and net worth. In the case of the President, the Vice President, the Members of the Cabinet, the Congress, the Supreme Court, the Constitutional Commissions and other constitutional offices, and officers of the armed forces with general or flag rank, the declaration shall be disclosed to the public in the manner provided by law";

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Republic Act 6713, otherwise known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards of Public Officials and Employees, provides that: "Public officials and employees have an obligation to accomplish and submit declarations under oath of, and the public has the right to know, their assets, liabilities, net worth and financial and business interests including those of their spouses and of unmarried children under eighteen (18) years of age living in their households";

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) has approved the use of a new form in the filing of Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth (SALN) by government officials and employees starting from the year 2011;

WHEREAS, the deadline for the filing of the SALN using the new form is set on April 30, 2012;

WHEREAS, the new form for the SALN requires the additional declaration regarding the nature and classification of certain

properties as to whether these are paraphernal, conjugal or community property, etc.;

WHEREAS, the new form also requires that the personal properties be declared and classified as either tangible or intangible, and that the mode of acquisition of these properties also be declared;

WHEREAS, the new form further requires that the amount and all sources of gross income by the declarant should be identified, and such sources of income be classified according to the nature of the income, whether these are from salaries, business, etc.;

WHEREAS, the new form further requires that the liabilities of the declarant include details such as the nature of the liability, the name of the creditors and the outstanding balance;

WHEREAS, the new form would be required of more than a million public officers and employees;

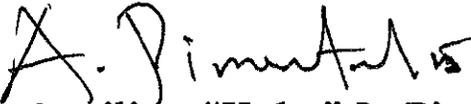
WHEREAS, the new form for the SALN might be too complex for the public employee who could not afford to hire the services of an attorney and/or an accountant to assist him or her in the filling up of the said form;

WHEREAS, such a complex form might lead to useless or unjustified complaints for violation of the law requiring the filing of the SALN, which could be the product of inadvertence, confusion, or honest mistake or misapprehension of difficult legal concepts;

WHEREAS, there is a need to determine if the new form for the SALN complies with existing laws or just amounts to an unnecessary burden on public officers and employees;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the proper Senate Committee conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, to find out if the new form for the SALN provided by the Civil Service Commission and required to be accomplished by public officers and employees starting the year 2011 conforms to existing laws.

Adopted,


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