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Introduced by Senator FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Election duties mandated to be performed by public school teachers under the law can sometimes be viewed as a form of involuntary servitude.

Needless to state, every election, teachers are made to sacrifice both life and limb under pain of statutory mandate in serving as members of the different boards of election inspectors throughout the country.

Hence, this bill seeks to remedy this issue.

Moreover, this bill encourages volunteerism as a form of selfless service in nation building, especially in protecting and ensuring the mandate of the sovereign.

Respectfully submitted for immediate consideration and approval.



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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 13 REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6646,
THE ELECTORAL REFORMS LAW OF 1987, AS AMENDED,
MAKING ELECTION SERVICE VOLUNTARY FOR TEACHERS AND
OTHER EMPLOYEES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 13 of Republic Act. No. 6646, as amended,¹ is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 *"Section 13. Board of Election Inspectors. - The board of*
4 *election inspectors to be constituted by the Commission under Section*
5 *164 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 881 shall be composed of a chairman and two*
6 *(2) members, one of whom shall be designated as poll clerk, all of whom*
7 *shall be [public school teachers, giving preference to those with*
8 *permanent appointments. In case there are not enough public school*
9 *teachers, teachers in private schools, employees in the civil service, or*
10 *other citizens of known probity and competence who are registered voters*
11 *of the city or municipality may be appointed for election duty.]*
12 **VOLUNTEERS OF THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY WHERE**
13 **THEY WISH TO SERVE ON ELECTION DAY WITH THE**
14 **FOLLOWING ORDER OF PREFERENCE:**

- 15 1. PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS;
16 2. PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS;
17 3. EMPLOYEES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE;

18 **IN CASE THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS AS**
19 **ENUMERATED, CITIZENS OF KNOWN PROBITY AND**
20 **COMPETENCE MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSION."**

¹ RA No. 6646, as amended by RA No. 9369.

1 SEC. 2. The provisions, as amended, of the Omnibus Election Code
2 or Batas Pambansa Blg. 881, Republic Act No. 6646, Republic Act No.
3 7166, Republic Act 8189, decrees, executive issuances, and rules and
4 regulations, or any part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this
5 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

6 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
7 publication in the *Official Gazette* or one (1) newspaper of general
8 circulation.

9 *Approved,*