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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III

A RESOLUTION

CALLING ON THE SENATE LEADERSHIP TO IMMEDIATELY CONSTITUTE AND CONVENE THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE OVERSEAS VOTING ACT OF 2013 AND FOR THE SAID OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO REQUIRE FROM THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS THE SUBMISSION OF ITS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE OTHER MODES OR SYSTEMS FOR ONSITE AND REMOTE REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, *Section 37 of Republic Act No. 9189*, as amended by *R.A. No. 10590*, otherwise known as *The Overseas Voting Act of 2013*, mandates the creation of a Joint Congressional Oversight Committee to monitor and evaluate the implementation of *R.A. No. 9189*;

WHEREAS, *Section 28 of The Overseas Voting Act of 2013* provides that the Commission on Elections (Comelec) may explore other more efficient, reliable, and secure modes or systems, ensuring the secrecy and sanctity of the entire process, whether paper-based, electronic-based or internet-based technology or such other latest technology available, for onsite and remote registration and elections and submit reports and/or recommendations to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee (JCOC);

WHEREAS, according to an online article in *Business Mirror* dated December 8, 2014 entitled, "Comelec to test touchscreen voting system in 2016 polls," the Comelec has approved the pilot-testing of touchscreen and internet voting systems in Pateros, Metro Manila, and select sea-based Filipinos during the 2016 elections;

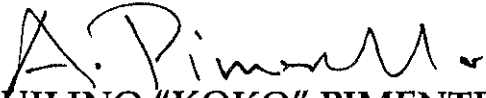
WHEREAS, it was reported that the Comelec is looking into conducting pilot tests in the Americas, the Middle East, Hong Kong,

and Singapore after having conducted a study on the adequate technology for internet voting;

WHEREAS, considering the 2016 National and Local Elections is fast approaching, the JCOC should already convene to study the necessity of other modes or systems for onsite and remote registration and elections;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO CALL ON THE SENATE LEADERSHIP TO IMMEDIATELY CONSTITUTE AND CONVENE THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE OVERSEAS VOTING ACT OF 2013 AND FOR THE SAID OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO REQUIRE FROM THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS THE SUBMISSION OF ITS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE OTHER MODES OR SYSTEMS FOR ONSITE AND REMOTE REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS.

Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III