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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 436

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Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Public Information and Mass Media on SEP - 5 2018.

Re : Senate Bill No. 1985

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 307 and 1777, and taking into consideration House Bill No. 6604.

Sponsor : Senator Pimentel III

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Public Information and Mass Media, to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 307**, introduced by Senator Zubiri, entitled:

**AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9006, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE FAIR ELECTIONS ACT**

Senate Bill No. 1777, introduced by Senator Pimentel III, entitled:

**AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9006, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "FAIR ELECTION ACT"**

and taking into consideration **House Bill No. 6604**, introduced by Representatives Fariñas, Alvarez (P.), Suarez, Nieto, Antonio, Vergara, Suansing (E.), Sy-Alvarado, Bulut-Begtang, Tugna, Oaminal, Garcia (G.), Ortega (P.), Lagman, Atienza, Roque (H.), De Vera, Datol, Bagatsing, Garin (S.), Biazon, Primicias-Agabas, Olivarez, Robes, and Tambunting, entitled:

**AN ACT
REGULATING THE RATES OF POLITICAL
PROPAGANDA ON TELEVISION, RADIO AND
PRINT DURING AN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN
PERIOD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION
11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9006, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "FAIR ELECTION ACT"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached **Senate Bill No. 1985**, entitled:

**AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
9006, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "FAIR
ELECTION ACT"**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 307 and 1777, and taking into consideration House Bill No. 6604, with Senators Zubiri and Pimentel III as authors thereof.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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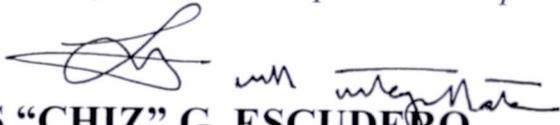
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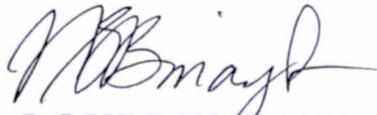
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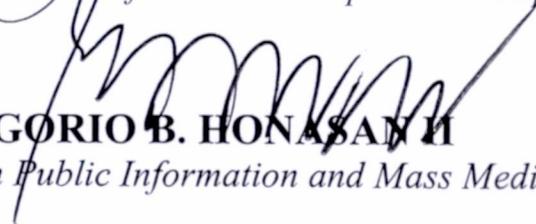
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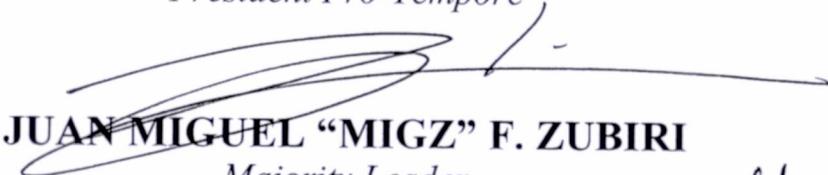
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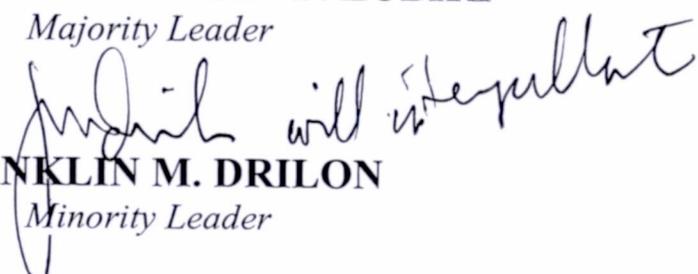
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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9006,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "FAIR ELECTION ACT"

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

1 **SECTION 1. Amended Rates of Political Propaganda.** – Section
2 *11 of Republic Act No. 9006, otherwise known as the "Fair Election*
3 *Act", is hereby amended to read as follows:*

4 "SEC. 11. *Rates of Political Propaganda.* – During the
5 election period, media outlets shall [charge] **GIVE** registered
6 political parties and bona fide candidates a [discounted rate]
7 **DIACOUNT** of [thirty] **FORTY** percent ([30]**40**%) for
8 television, [twenty] **THIRTY** percent ([20]**30**%) for radio
9 and ten percent (10%) for print, over the average **OF THE**
10 **PUBLISHED** rates charged during the **LAST** [first] three
11 [quarters of the] calendar year**S FOR TELEVISION AND**
12 **RADIO, AND OVER THE PUBLISHED RATES**
13 **CHARGED ONE (1) YEAR PRIOR TO THE**
14 **ELECTION FOR PRINT** [preceding the elections].

15 **NOTHING IN THIS PROVISION PROHIBITS A**

1 MEDIA OUTLET FROM GIVING HIGHER
2 DISCOUNTS; *PROVIDED*, THAT THE DISCOUNT IT
3 GIVES ONE CANDIDATE SHALL BE THE SAME
4 DISCOUNT IT GIVES TO OTHER CANDIDATES OF
5 THE SAME POSITION.

6 IN NO CASE SHALL RATES CHARGED TO
7 REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES AND BONA
8 FIDE CANDIDATES BE HIGHER THAN RATES
9 CHARGED TO NON-POLITICAL ADVERTISERS.”

10 **SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within thirty
11 (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Elections
12 shall issue Implementing Rules and Regulations for the effective
13 implementation of the provisions of this Act.

14 **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
15 rules and regulations, and issuances inconsistent with the provisions of
16 this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

17 **SEC. 4. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect immediately upon
18 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of
19 general circulation.

Approved,