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**SENATE**

Senate Bill No. 2072

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(In substitution of SBN 1178 and taking into consideration HBN 7295)

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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166,**  
**OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR**  
**SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR**  
**ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS**  
**THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** Section 13 of Republic Act No. 7166 is hereby amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       **SECTION 13.** *Authorized Expenses of Candidates and Political*  
4 *Parties.* – The aggregate amount that a candidate or registered  
5 political party may spend for election campaign shall be as follows:

6           (a) For candidates – Ten pesos (P10.00) for President and  
7 Vice-President; [and for other candidates,] Three pesos (P3.00) for

1       **SENATOR AND PARTY-LIST; AND FOR OTHER CANDIDATES,**  
2       **SIX PESOS (P6.00) FOR** every voter currently registered in the  
3       constituency where [he] **THE CANDIDATE** filed [his] **A** certificate of  
4       candidacy: *Provided,* That **AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE OR** a  
5       candidate without a political party and without support from any  
6       political party may be allowed to spend [Five] **EIGHT** pesos  
7       (P[5]8.00) for every such voter; and

8               (b) For political parties – [Five] **EIGHT** pesos (P[5]8.00) for  
9       every voter currently registered in the constituency or constituencies  
10      where it has official candidates.

11               **FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, AN INDEPENDENT**  
12      **CANDIDATE IS FURTHER DEFINED AS ONE WHO:**

13               **(A) IS NOT NOMINATED BY A DULY REGISTERED**  
14      **POLITICAL PARTY OR COALITION OF POLITICAL PARTIES OR**  
15      **ITS DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE;**

16               **(B) IS ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION AND**  
17      **ACCEPTANCE (CONA) THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY A**  
18      **POLITICAL PARTY OR COALITION OF POLITICAL PARTIES NOT**  
19      **DULY REGISTERED WITH THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS**  
20      **(COMELEC);**

21               **(C) REPUDIATES A NOMINATION ISSUED BY A DULY**  
22      **REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTY OR COALITION OF POLITICAL**  
23      **PARTIES AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE DATE OF ELECTIONS;**

24               **(D) ACCEPTS A NOMINATION FROM MORE THAN ONE**  
25      **DULY REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTY FOR THE SAME**

1       **CONSTITUENCY, EXCEPT IN CASES OF COALITION OF SAID**  
2       **POLITICAL PARTIES;**

3               **(E)   FILES A CONA AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR THE**  
4       **FILING OF CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY (COC);**

5               **(F)   FILES A COC WITHOUT A CONA;**

6               **(G)   IS ISSUED A CONA THAT IS SUBSEQUENTLY**  
7       **CANCELLED, REVOKED, WITHDRAWN, OR SUBSTITUTED BY**  
8       **THE NOMINATING PARTY AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE DATE OF**  
9       **THE ELECTIONS; OR**

10              **(H)   IS NOMINATED BY A DULY REGISTERED**  
11       **POLITICAL PARTY OR COALITION OF POLITICAL PARTIES BUT**  
12       **WHICH NOMINATION IS DENIED DUE COURSE BY THE**  
13       **COMELEC.**

14              Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, any  
15       contribution in cash or in kind to any candidate or political party or  
16       coalition of parties for campaign purposes, duly reported to the  
17       Commission, shall not be subject to the payment of any [gift]  
18       **DONOR'S** tax.

19       **SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.*** - Should any portion of this Act be declared  
20       unconstitutional, the other provisions or parts not affected thereby shall remain valid  
21       and effective.

22       **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or  
23       portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby  
24       repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

- 1       **SEC. 4. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
2       publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*