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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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SENATE



COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 497

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Prepared and submitted by the Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation on OCT 10 2018.

Re : Senate Bill No. 2072

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1178 and taking into consideration House Bill No. 7295.

Sponsor : Senator Pimentel III

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 1178**, introduced by Senator Pimentel III, entitled:

**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"**

and taking into consideration **House Bill No. 7295**, introduced by Representatives Belmonte (F.), Romualdo, Bataoil, Sy-Alvarado, Sarmiento (C.), Uy (J.), Tambunting, Castro (F.H.), Catamco, Fortuno, Violago, Oaminal, Ocampo, Villanueva, Primicias-

Agabas, Panganiban, Suansing (E.), Unabia, Garcia (G.), Tugna, Cuaresma, Savellano, Ortega (P.), Paduano, Maceda, Chipeco, Nieto, Belmonte (R.), and Batocabe, entitled:

**AN ACT
INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES OF
CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES AND DEFINING AN INDEPENDENT
CANDIDATE FOR THE PURPOSE, AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED
NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS,
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AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

has considered the same and has the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached **Senate Bill No. 2072**, entitled:


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be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1178, and taking into consideration House Bill No. 7295, with Senator Pimentel III as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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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,