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Senate Bill No. 810

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Introduced by Sen. Imee R. Marcos

**AN ACT
INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES
AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED, "AN ACT PROVIDING
FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR
ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It has been twenty-eight years since the enactment 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*", which set the expenses of candidates and political parties.

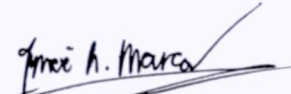
Since the country has been experiencing a 259.5% increase in prices of commodities from the time of the effectivity of *R.A. No. 7166*, candidates had difficulty in trying to limit their spending in accordance with law because prices of materials and their printing and reproduction, mass media advertisements, transportation, and other operational expenses have noticeably increased in a span of almost three decades. Moreover, the value of P1.00 in 1991 is now equivalent to P3.60.

The best way to address the extremely outdated allowable limits for campaign spending is to increase the amounts provided by law.

This bill provides for the increase in the authorized aggregate amount for campaign expenditure of candidates and political parties for every voter currently registered in the constituency where the certificate of candidacy was filed. It will be beneficial not only to the candidates but also to the voting public since the increase in the allowable campaign expenditure may lead to better voter's education and awareness of the background and program of government of the candidates.

Also, the amendment of the last paragraph of *Section 13* of *R.A. No. 7166* merely substituted the term "gift tax" with "donor's tax" which is the proper term as used in the *National Internal Revenue Code*, as amended.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly requested.


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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)]
8 **TWENTY PESOS (P20.00)** for every voter currently registered in the
9 constituency where [he] **THE CANDIDATE** filed [his] **A** certificate of
10 candidacy[: *Provided,* That a candidate without a political party and

1 without support from any political party may be allowed to spend Five
2 pesos (P5.00) for every such voter]; and

3 (b) For political parties – [~~Five~~] **TWENTY** pesos (P[~~5~~]**20**.00)
4 for every voter currently registered in the constituency or
5 constituencies where it has official candidates.

6 Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, any
7 contribution in cash or in kind to any candidate or political party or
8 coalition of parties for campaign purposes, duly reported to the
9 Commission, shall not be subject to the payment of any [~~gift~~]
10 **DONOR'S** tax."

11 **SEC. 2. Separability Clause.** - Should any part of this Act be declared
12 unconstitutional, the other parts not affected thereby shall remain valid and
13 effective.

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

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

Approved,