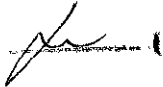FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE   )
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

"Information is a source of learning. But unless it is organized, processed, and available to the right people in a format for decision making, it is a burden, not a benefit."

A quote from William Polard, especially true to our Local Governments.

By virtue of the Constitution, Local Government Units are given autonomy to perform their duties as well as to raise their own revenues to defray the necessary expenses.

But by no means are local government units granted with all powers implied of a State as they source their powers more often than not from legislation enacted by Congress.

Henceforth, the establishment of a local management information system is sought so as to establish efficient and responsive information management system in all local government units as this will strengthen local government capability for development administration.

Because information is the seed for an idea, and only grows when it's watered.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the *"Local Management Information System Act of 2008."*

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to establish efficient and responsive information management system in all local government units (LGUs) to further strengthen local government capability for development administration.

SEC. 3. *Local Government Information Management (LOGIM).* -For purposes of this Act, local government information management shall refer to the totality of means employed to systematically collect, process, store, present, and share information in support of local government activities. It encompasses the integrated use of information systems, computer technology and telecommunications in enhancing local government administration to achieve development objectives.

SEC. 4. *Establishment of the Local Management Information Technology Office (LMITO).* - The provincial and city governments shall create their respective local information management offices which shall be headed by the Local Management Information Technology Officer.

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The establishment of the LMITO is optional for the municipal governments; *Provided,* That the organizational structure and functions of the LMITO shall be provided in the implementing rules and regulations as provided in Section 10 of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Creation of and qualifications for the Position of Local Management Information Technology Officer (LMITO).* - The Local Management Information technology Officer shall be appointed subject to existing civil service rules and regulations. *Provided,* That no person shall be appointed Local Management Information Technology Officer unless he is a Filipino citizen, a resident of the local government unit concerned, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in information technology, statistics, public administration, economics, development studies or any related course from a recognized school or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have actual experience in information management or related work experience for at least two (2) years in the case of provinces or cities, and one (1) year in the case of technical qualifications set by the National Computer Center in coordination with the Civil Service Commission.

The appointment of the Local Management Information Technology Officer is optional for the municipal governments.

SEC. 6. *Functions and Responsibilities of the Local Management Information Technology Officer.* - The Local Management Information Technology Officer shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

a) Develop and implement, in coordination with the Planning and Development Coordinator and the Information Officer, information system plans and application systems that would provide the information requirements of local government executives in the formulation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of national and local development plans, programs, and projects;

b) Provide technical assistance for the computerization of local government

administration system for legislation, budget, property and supply, accounting, treasury, payroll and civil registration, among others, as well as for the efficient delivery of basic services;

c) Maintain database on investment, trade, tourism, and other priority development concerns, and establish linkages with national government agencies;

d) Assist local government units within his jurisdiction in setting up their information systems; and

e) Develop and establish barangay data banks.

SEC. 7. *Barangay Databanks.* - The LGU concerned shall establish barangay databanks to facilitate the collection of data and promote community participation in local government administration and community development. The LGU shall promote a community-based approach in the development of the barangay databanks. It shall, for this purpose, actively involve non-government and people's organizations in the design and establishment of the databanks.

SEC. 8. *Establishment of Regional and Provincial Statistical Coordination Officers,* - To ensure the accuracy and comparability of the data of the various local government information management systems, a Regional Statistical Coordination Staff (RSCS) in the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) central office, and Statistical Coordination Units in the regions and provinces shall be created under the supervision and control of the NSCB. The RSCS shall supervise and coordinate the activities of the different Statistical Coordination Units which shall provide the necessary technical assistance to local governments, set standards on statistical matters, and coordinate the statistical activities of local government units.

SEC. 9. *Assistance to Local Government Units.* - To effectively implement this Act, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the National Computer Center (NCC), in coordination with other government agencies, shall provide assistance to

local government units in establishing and maintaining their information management systems. The assistance shall include initial acquisition of computer equipment and necessary software, funding support, training, management consultancy, design of the computerization programs, and other services as may be necessary to effectively attain the objectives of this Act. *Provided, however,* That such assistance shall prioritize second and lower class provinces, cities, and municipalities. *Provided, further,* That the Department may request assistance from other government agencies and instrumentalities, including academic institutions, to enable it to effectively discharge its responsibilities under this Act. *Provided, finally,* That concerned local government units may also enter into financing schemes such as consortia, build-operate-transfer, and other similar arrangements.

SEC. 10. *Oversight Committee.* - Within one (1) month from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government shall convene an inter-agency oversight committee which shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this Act. The Oversight Committee shall be composed of the following:

a) Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government as Chairman;

b) The Managing Director of the National Computer Center as Vice-chairman;

c) The respective Chairmen of the Senate and the House Committees on Local Government;

d) The Secretaries and heads of the following;

    1) National Economic and Development Authority;

    2) Department of Budget and Management;

    3) National Statistical Coordination Board; and

    4) Department of Science and Technology.

e. Heads or duly-designated representatives of the following:

    1) The League of Provinces;

    2) The League of Cities;

    3) The League of Municipalities; and

4) The Liga ng mga Barangay.

The Oversight Committee shall issue, within ninety (90) days upon its convening, the necessary implementing rules and regulations, consistent with national information technology plans and policies, to ensue the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 11. *Technical Working Group.* - A Technical Working Group shall be constituted to render technical assistance to the Oversight Committee. The Group shall be composed of duly designated representatives of the following:

a) Electronic Data Processing Service of the Department of the Interior and Local Government who shall act as coordinator;

b) Department of Finance;

c) Department of Budget and Management;

d) Department of Science and Technology;

e) Department of Transportation and Communications;

f) Commission on Audit;

g) National Computer Center;

h) National Statistical Coordination Board;

i) National Statistics Office;

j) National Mapping Resources Center;

k) Technology and Livelihood Resource Center;

l) Development Academy of the Philippines;

m) University of the Philippines System;

n) Local Government Academy, Department of the Interior and Local Government;

o) A Non-government or people's organization actively involved in community-based information systems; and

p) A professional organization of information technology practitioners.

Personnel of other government agencies may be requested to provide assistance to the Technical Working Group.

SEC. 12. *Funding.* - The amount of Twenty Seven Million Pesos (PhP 27,000,000,00) is hereby appropriated for initial implementation of this Act in three (3) pilot provinces which shall be determined by the Oversight Committee based on a set of criteria which shall be formulated for the purpose: *Provided,* That the three (3) pilot provinces shall each come from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao: *Provided, further,* That the amount necessary to implement this Act in other local government units shall be funded by their respective appropriations with the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the National Computer Center, the National Statistical Coordination Board, and other implementing agencies providing for the training and other technical needs: *Provided, finally,* That the DILG and/or provincial as well as city governments may generate other sources of funding such as loans, grants and donations, subject to pertinent laws and regulations.

SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, ordinances, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 14. *Separability Clause.* - If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which shall continue to be in full.

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

Approved,