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HOUSE BILL NO. 1518

Introduced by Honorable Alfonso V. Umali, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

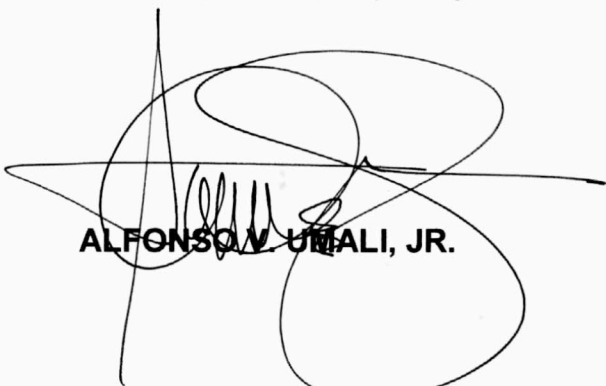
This Bill seeks to provide that all elective officials running for any other office, including the positions for President and Vice President, shall be considered *ipso facto* resigned upon the filing of their certificate of candidacy.

Under the Omnibus Election Code, elective officials running for President or Vice President retain the positions they are holding even during the election period. Moreover, an official whose term of office has not expired after the election can continue and finish his term after he lost in the election. If he wins on the other hand, his position is then left vacant until the end of his term.

Such situation perpetuates undue political advantage and is most unfair not only to the opponent who has no office to depend upon, but also to the people. Most elective officials are using the facilities and funds of their offices in their campaigns. They travel and hire political leaders and staff using the funds for their offices which are supposed to be spent for the welfare of the people. They divert such funds for their own political ambition. It is ironic that these politicians are spending people's money to convince the same people to vote for them.

Furthermore, these politicians whose terms do not expire after the election will not worry about running for the position of President or Vice President because even if they lose, they have their elective positions to return to and serve up to the extension of their current term.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought


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PROVIDING THAT ELECTIVE OFFICIALS RUNNING FOR ANY OFFICE OTHER THAN THE ONE WHICH THEY ARE HOLDING SHALL BE CONSIDERED *IPSO FACTO* RESIGNED UPON THE FILING OF THEIR CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE.

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

SECTION: Section 67 Batas Pambansa Blg. 881, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 67. Candidates holding elective office- Any elective official, whwter national or local, running for any office other than the one which he is holding in a permanent capacity (except for President and Vice President) shall be considered ipso facto resigned from his office upon the filing of his certificate of candidacy.”

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,