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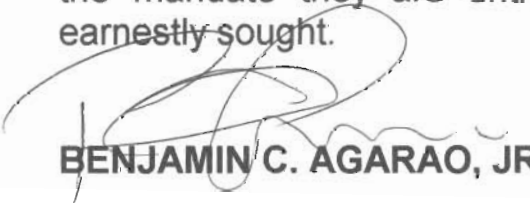
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act 9006 Section 14 effectively deletes Section 67 of the Omnibus Election Code (B.P. 881) and makes it possible for any elective official to run for public office without having to automatically relinquish the positions they are currently holding. This state-of-affairs provides these officials undue advantage over their contenders using precious resources from our national coffers.

This bill seeks to discourage elective officials from running for positions other than those, which they are presently holding in a permanent capacity by considering them *ipso facto* resigned from their offices upon the filing of their certificates of candidacy.

In order to strengthen our Constitutional edict that all public officials must serve the people with outmost loyalty and not trifle with the mandate they are entrusted with, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT 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.

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

SECTION 1. Candidates Holding Elective Office. Any elective official, whether national or local, running for any office other than the one which he is holding in a permanent capacity shall be considered ipso facto resigned from his office upon the filing of his certificate of candidacy.

Section 2. Repealing Clause – SECTION 14 OF RA 9006, ALL LAWS, PRESIDENTIAL DECREES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS, RULES AND REGULATIONS OR PARTS THEROF INsofar AS CONTRARY TO OR INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT ARE HEREBY REPEALED OR MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

Section 3. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provision hereof.

Section 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.