



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1180

Introduced by:
REP. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS
1ST District, Surigao del Norte (Siargao Island)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill which was filed in the House of Representatives of the 14TH Congress and now re-filed *in toto* in the present Congress, seeks to amend Republic Act No. 8291, otherwise known as the "the GSIS Act of 1997", in order to accord proportionate representation in its Board of Trustees from among its stakeholders.

It has been observed that the present composition of the GSIS of Trustees under R.A. No. 8291 provides for nine (9) members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines, "*one (1) of whom shall be either the President of the Philippine Public School Teachers Association (PPSTA) or the President of the Philippine Association of School Superintendents (PASS);*"

Cognizant of the fact that the public school teachers and the non-teaching personnel in the Department of Education constitute a big portion of the total number of public employees in the government bureaucracy of about 1.4 Million, there is an imperative need that a proportionate number of representatives of at least five (5) should come from this special sector of government employees particularly those under the Department of Education in whose hands and tutelage the education of the almost 20 Million school children and youth of this country have been entrusted.

It is also of public knowledge that many of our hard working public school teachers have experienced some problems with their membership with the GSIS ranging from erroneous grant of benefits, salary/housing loan applications, retirement computations, and many others, giving the wide impression that the rights and privileges of members who are school personnel are not properly safeguarded and promoted because of inadequate representation in the GSIS governing board of trustees.

Suffice it to mention that the present educational system and the constitutional system and the constitutional thrust of the 1987 Philippine Constitution under its Article XIV mandate, inter alia, that "The State shall enhance the right of teachers to professional advancement. Non-teaching academic and non-academic personnel shall enjoy the protection of the State". It also added that "The State shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education and ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment."

It is therefore along this vein and the primordial intention of this bill to provide muscular voice and proportionate representation to the special sector of government employees who are the teachers and moulders of our youth with the governing board of trustees of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) by amending the present charter under R.A. No. 8291 to increase the number of trustees from nine (9) into thirteen (13) and conferring five (5) slots to public school personnel in the Department of Education.

Hence, early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 42 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS 'THE GSIS ACT OF 1997', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Section 42 of R.A. No. 8291 (GSIS Act of 1997) shall be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 42. The Board of Trustees; Its Composition; Tenure and Compensation.- The corporate powers and functions of the GSIS shall be vested in and exercised by the Board of Trustees composed of the President and General Manager of the GSIS and **TWELVE (12)** other members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines, **FIVE (5) OF WHOM SHALL COME FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS PERSONNEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPRESENTING THE ASSOCIATION OF DEPED DIRECTORS (ADD), PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (PPSTA), PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS (PASS), NATIONAL EMPLOYEES UNION (NEU) AND THE ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (AOADE,** another two (2) shall represent the leading organizations or associations of government employees/retirees, another four (4) from the banking, finance, investment and insurance sectors, and one (1) recognized member of legal profession who at the time of appointment is also a member of the GSIS. The Trustees shall select from among themselves a Chairman while the President and General Manager Shall automatically be the Vice-Chairman."

Section 2. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders presidential proclamations, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Section 4. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect upon its approval and publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.