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HOUSE BILL NO. 840

Introduced by Honorable Erlinda M. Santiago

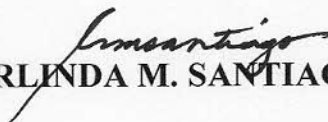
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to allow Filipino citizens who have become naturalized citizens of foreign countries to seek appointive or elective public position without renouncing their foreign citizenship.

Republic Act (RA) No. 9225, otherwise known as the "Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003," provides that a natural born Filipino who becomes a naturalized citizen of foreign country is deemed not to have lost his/her Philippine citizenship. As such, Filipinos who re-acquire their Filipino citizenship once again enjoy full civil, economic and political rights and be subjected to all liabilities and responsibilities under the existing laws of the Republic of the Philippines. Likewise, paragraphs (2) and (3) of Section 5 of said RA 9225 provides that those who would like to seek appointive or elective public office must renounce their foreign citizenship prior to assumption to office or upon filing of their certificate of candidacy, as the case may be. The conditions set forth in the said paragraphs are surplusage because once a person files the certificate of candidacy, the candidates declare their Filipino citizenship and their support to the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines.

With this bill, the conditions provided for in paragraphs (2) and (3) of Section 5 of RA 9225 will be eliminated and being a holder of dual citizenship will no longer be a hindrance when seeking appointive or elective public position.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is highly recommended.


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AN ACT
ALLOWING FILIPINOS WITH DUAL CITIZENSHIP TO SEEK AN
ELECTIVE OR APPOINTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE WITHOUT RENOUNCING
THEIR FOREIGN CITIZENSHIP

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of existing laws, Filipinos with dual citizenship shall be allowed to seek elective or appointive public office in the Philippines without renouncing any and all of their foreign citizenship.

SEC. 2. Section 5, paragraphs (2) and (3) of Republic Act 9225, Section 40 of Republic Act No. 7160 and all other laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,