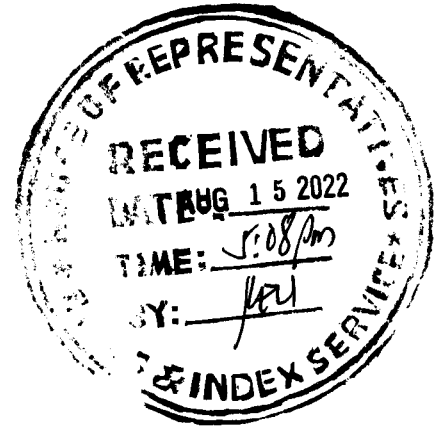


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House Bill No. 3629



**Introduced by Representative
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The maximum allowable election campaign expenses has been set to between P3 to P10 per voter since 1991 under Republic 7166 or the Synchronized National and Local Elections Law. While the prices of campaign materials and other election expenses have since escalated due to the increasing inflation rates, the allowable expenditure for election campaigns have not changed.

Further, the controlling law also failed to consider that political advertisement through mass media has since been allowed under the Fair Elections Law or Republic Act No. 9006. Under these expenditure limits, only national candidates can have those expensive 10-15 second advertisements; half or full page ads, or even ad placements or "boosts" in their social media.

As a consequence, candidates and political parties resort to under-declaration of their campaign expenses, and some even engage in pre-campaign spending to skirt the law.

This bill seeks to increase the allowable election expenses by tenfold, from the present 3 to 30 pesos, to 10 to 100 pesos per voter.

The spending limit should reflect the increased costs of campaign paraphernalia and activities. More importantly, it should provide election candidates and political parties the opportunity reach out to more constituents in order to properly present their respective platforms.

In this respect, the immediate consideration and passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
INCREASING THE LIMITS FOR ELECTION
CAMPAIGN SPENDING, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT PROVIDING
FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL
ELECTIONS AND ELECTORAL REFORMS”,
AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the
"Increase in Election Campaign Contribution Act 2022."

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — The State recognizes the
need to provide an equal opportunity for all candidates for public office
and political parties to be elected, by being able to reach out to the
electorate and properly present their platforms of governance. The State
likewise acknowledges the need for candidates and political parties to be

more truthful, with respect to the amount of spending they made during their election campaign.

SECTION 3. *Increasing Election Campaign Spending Limits.* -

Section 13 (a) of Republic Act No. 7166, otherwise known as “An Act Providing for Synchronized National and Local Elections and Electoral Reforms”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 13. *Authorized Expenses of Candidates and Political Parties.* - The agreement amount that a candidate or registered political party may spend for election campaign shall be as follows:

- (a) For candidates. – ~~[Ten]~~ **ONE HUNDRED pesos (P100.00)**) ~~[(P10.00)]~~ for President and Vice-President; ~~[and for other candidates]~~ **FIFTY PESOS** ~~[Three] Pesos [(P3.00)]~~ **(P50.00)** for **SENATOR AND PARTY-LIST; FOR MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, GOVERNOR, VICE-GOVERNOR, MAYOR, AND VICE-MAYOR, THIRTY PESOS (P30.00), FOR MEMBER OF SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD AND SANGGUNIANG BAYAN,** for every voter currently registered in the constituency where he filed his certificate

of candidacy: Provided, That a candidate without any political party and without support from any political party may be allowed to spend **FIFTY [~~Five~~] Pesos (P50 [~~5.00~~)]** for every such voter; and

(b) For political parties. – **FIFTY [~~Five~~] pesos (P50.00 [~~P5.00~~)]** for every voter currently registered in the constituency or constituencies where it has official candidates.

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SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED.