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HOUSE BILL No. 4542

**Introduced by REPRESENTATIVES LANI MERCADO-REVILLA,
BRYAN B. REVILLA AND RAMON "JOLO" B. REVILLA III**

**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 29 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8189
OR THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION ACT OF 1996**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In order to hasten the slow process of updating the official list of voters, this measure seeks to involve the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in certifying the death of a registered voter, aside from the Local Civil Registry (LCR).

The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) currently relies its delisting of deceased voters on the data submitted by local civil registrars, who are required to submit to local election officers a list of residents who have died. However, there are instances where an individual's death does not occur in the locality where the deceased was registered as a voter.

Through this measure, the PSA is mandated to submit a quarterly list of certified deaths to the COMELEC, which shall also be used as basis for updating the official list of voters.

To support COMELEC's resolve in updating the official list of voter's in a timely manner, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

3 **SECTION 1.** Section 29 of Republic Act No. 8189, as amended, otherwise
4 known as the “Voter’s Registration Act of 1996,” is hereby further amended to read as
5 follows:
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8 “Sec. 29. *Cancellation of Registration.* – The Board shall cancel the registration
9 records of those who have died as certified by the Local Civil Registrar **OR BY THE**
10 **PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA). THE PROCESSING FEES OF THE**
11 **CERTIFIED LISTS OF PERSONS WHO DIED AS REQUESTED BY THE**
12 **COMMISSION FROM PSA SHALL BE WAIVED.** The Local Civil Registrar shall
13 submit each month a certified list of persons who died during the previous month to
14 the Election Officer of the place where the deceased are registered. **IN THE CASE OF**
15 **PSA, THE PSA SHALL SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSION A QUARTERLY**
16 **CERTIFIED LIST OF PERSONS WHO DIED.** In the absence of information
17 concerning the place where the deceased is registered, the list shall be sent to the
18 Election Officer of the city or municipality of the deceased’s residence as appearing in
19 [his] **THE DECEASED’S** death certificate. [In any case, the Local Civil Registry shall
20 furnish a copy of this list to the national central file and the proper provincial file.]
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24 **SEC. 2. Appropriations.** The amount necessary for the initial implementation
25 of this Act may be charged against the current appropriations of the Commission on

1 Elections and the PSA. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued
2 implementation of this Act must be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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4 **SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from
5 the effectivity of this Act, the COMELEC, in consultation with PSA and other
6 stakeholders, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective
7 implementation of this Act.
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9 **SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid
10 or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full
11 force and effect.
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13 **SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
14 regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act
15 are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
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17 **SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
18 its publication in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general
19 circulation.
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21 Approved.
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