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HOUSE BILL NO. 468



Introduced by **Representative Jaime R. Fresnedi**

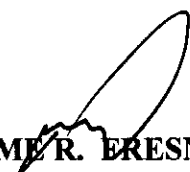
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill removes the requirement for Filipinos with dual citizenship to renounce their other citizenship to become faculty, researcher, or administrator in a higher education institution (HEI) in the Philippines.

In both the Times Higher Education (THE) and QS World University Rankings, the Philippines did not have a single university, especially a public university, in the top 100. In the THE rankings, the top public university, the University of the Philippines is at the 1201-1500 bracket, while in the QS rankings, it was ranked at 336th. The ranking of public Philippine universities stood in stark contrast to our Asian neighbors, who started to enter the rankings in the top 20 for THE and in the top 10 for QS.

Our universities have many problems, one of which is the exodus of qualified staff to other countries. One way to entice these individuals is to remove the need for them to renounce any other citizenship they may have acquired, allowing the Philippines to benefit from their knowledge and experience.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 5 (3) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9225, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE "CITIZENSHIP RETENTION AND RE-ACQUISITION ACT OF 2003"

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 (3) of Republic Act No. 9225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. *Civil and Political Rights and Liabilities.* — Those who retain or re-acquire Philippine citizenship under this Act shall enjoy full civil and political rights and be subject to all attendant liabilities and responsibilities under existing laws of the Philippines and the following conditions:

1. x x x;
2. x x x;
3. Those appointed to any public office shall subscribe and swear to an oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines and its duly constituted authorities prior to their assumption of office: *Provided*, That they renounce their oath of allegiance to the country where they took that oath[.]: **PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THOSE APPOINTED AS FACULTY, RESEARCHERS OR ADMINISTRATORS OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO RENOUNCE SUCH OATH OF ALLEGIANCE;**
4. x x x; and
5. x x x.

SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* — All Acts, Presidential Decrees, Executive Orders and Administrative Orders, Rules and Regulations and other such issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity*. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,