



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Twentieth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5019



Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez and Jude A. Acidre

AN ACT
ALLOWING THE APPOINTMENT OF FACULTY, RESEARCHERS, AND
ADMINISTRATORS WITH DUAL CITIZENSHIP IN PUBLIC HIGHER
EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 5 (3) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9225, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE “CITIZENSHIP RETENTION AND RE-ACQUISITION ACT OF 2003”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

For the longest time, it has been the country’s policy to require Filipino faculty at public higher education institutions (HEIs) to be natural-born citizens or, if they were dual citizens, to renounce their foreign citizenship before they could teach.

Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9225 or the Citizenship Retention and Re-Acquisition Act of 2003 provides for the civil and political rights, responsibilities and liabilities of persons who will retain or re-acquire Philippine citizenship. Further, sub-section (3) thereof provides that *"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."*

Recognizing the need for internationally competitive members of the academe in public HEIs, this bill seeks to amend the said provision to allow dual citizens to

work as faculty members without this requirement. This bill aims to accommodate qualified Filipino professionals with dual citizenship to be appointed as an administrator, faculty or researcher in our HEIs, either on a full time or part time basis.

Through this bill, it is hoped that the State will be able to provide our public HEIs a wider elbow room to hire the individuals who possesses skills and qualifications needed for their institutions.

This bill was originally filed by Representative Mark O. Go in the Nineteenth Congress, where it was approved on third and final reading by the House of Representatives.

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



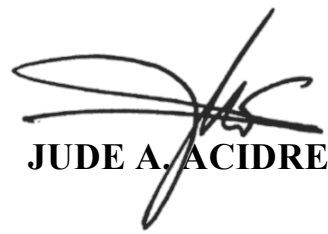
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines
in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section 5 (3) of Republic Act No. 9225, otherwise known as the “Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 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:

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- (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, EXCEPT FOR THOSE APPOINTED AS FACULTY, RESEARCHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, AND OTHER PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, they renounce their oath of allegiance to the country where they took that oath;”

SEC. 2. If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,