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House Bill No. 5533



Introduced by **Representative KATRINA REIKO CHUA - TAI**
1st District, Zamboanga City

AN ACT
STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12254, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE E-
GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2025 BY HARMONIZING ALL RELATED TRANSPARENCY
AND E-GOVERNANCE MEASURES AND MANDATING REGULAR UPDATES AND
ENHANCED DISCLOSURE ON GOVERNMENT WEBSITES AND DIGITAL
PLATFORMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Transparency and access to information are crucial for good governance and democracy the E-Governance Act of 2025 (RA 12254) laid the groundwork for digital government services, persistent implementation challenges and the evolution of technology highlight the need for a single, strengthened framework to ensure government accountability in the digital age.

The core objective of this bill is to unify and advance current transparency laws by integrating all related provisions as it creates a clear mandate for all government agencies to regularly disclose updated comprehensive information on their digital platforms in order to strengthening accountability.

Unlike previous measures, this bill establishes a centralized transparency portal and compliance system, setting it apart by providing more direct citizen access and publicly tracking agency performance. This approach is designed to foster stronger public trust, promote participation, and deter corruption more effectively than existing, fragmented efforts.

The bill promotes bayanihan as we encourage to prioritize accessible and user-friendly digital platforms so that all citizens, including persons with disabilities, can benefit from responsive design and multiple channels, such as official social media platforms. Ultimately, by guaranteeing public access to information, the Act aims to build a transparent, efficient, and people-centered government.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

9 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as the “Enhanced E-Governance
10 Act.”

11 **SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** - The State promotes transparency, accountability,
12 and good governance through the effective use of Information and Communication Technologies
13 (ICT). This Act ensures the public's right to timely, accurate, and accessible information on
14 government programs and officials, harmonizing e-governance and transparency laws to boost
15 citizen participation, prevent corruption, and enhance service delivery.

16 **SECTION 3. *Harmonization with Related Transparency Laws.*** — To unify and
17 streamline transparency requirements, all government agencies, Government-Owned and
18 Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), and the Local Government Units (LGUs) shall consolidate
19 and publish information as mandated by the following laws and issuances on their official digital
20 platforms: Republic Act No. 10155 on transparency in government projects; Republic Act No.
21 12254 or the E-Governance Act of 2025; and the Department of Budget and Management
22 (DBM) National Budget Circulars and other pertinent issuances relating to transparency seals
23 and public access to information.

24 **SECTION 4. *Establishment of a Centralized Transparency Portal.*** — The Government
25 Digital Service, or the appropriate agency created by the Office of the President, shall establish
26 and maintain a centralized transparency portal that aggregates, monitors, and publicly displays
27 the compliance status of government agencies in updating and maintaining mandated
28 information. This portal shall provide a one-stop platform for citizens to access comprehensive,
29 transparent government data, send automated reminders and compliance reports to agencies, and
30 publish quarterly and annual compliance ratings to incentivize adherence to transparency
31 regulations.

1 **SECTION 5. *Capacity Building and Support.*** - The Civil Service Commission (CSC),
2 in coordination with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT),
3 shall conduct regular training, provide technical assistance, and develop guidelines to support
4 government agencies, GOCCs, and LGUs in maintaining compliant and secure digital
5 platforms.

6 **SECTION 6. *Appropriations.*** - The amount necessary for the initial implementation of
7 this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Department of
8 Information and Communications Technology (DICT). Thereafter, the funds necessary for
9 continued operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
10 Act.

11 **SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act is declared
12 unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

13 **SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, or regulations
14 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

15 **SECTION 9. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
16 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

17 *Approved,*