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House Bill No. 7074

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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7941,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PARTY-LIST SYSTEM ACT,” TO
STRENGTHEN THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM, TO PROMOTE
PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The framers of the 1987 Constitution institutionalized the party-list system under Article VI, Section 5 as a transformative mechanism for representation. They envisioned a Congress that would no longer be dominated by individual, personality-based contests, but reshaped by sectors, organizations, and parties that compete based on platforms, programs, and principles.¹ The party-list system was meant to open the political system² and advance genuine plurality through proportional representation.³

To implement this, Congress enacted Republic Act No. 7941 or the “Party-List System Act.” However, structural weaknesses emerged that have frustrated the development of a mature party-list system. In particular, the imposition of a three-seat cap distorts proportional outcomes and prevents parties from scaling according to public support. This contradicts the Constitution’s intent to achieve proportionality.⁴

¹ Ibarra M. Gutierrez III, *The Judicially Legislated Concept of Marginalization and the Death of Proportional Representation: The Party-List System After Banat and Ang Bagong Bayani*, 84 Phil. L.J. 606, 607 (2010).

² *Ibid*, p. 611.

³ *Id*.

⁴ Julio C. Teehankee, *Untangling the Party List System*, in *Philippine Politics and Governance: Challenges to Democratization and Development* 144, 154 (2019).

Moreover, the system has been undermined by actors who treat party-list organizations as electoral vehicles for patronage, corruption, and dynastic entrenchment. The Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism found that, in the 19th Congress, 66% of party-lists had at least one nominee from an established political dynasty.⁵ Further, recent congressional inquiries on anomalies governing flood control have revealed that a substantial number of party-list representatives benefit directly from government projects as contractors.⁶

It is therefore urgent and imperative to revise the Party-list System Act to align its mechanisms with constitutional intent: to democratize political power by building a strong, credible, and programmatic party system grounded in proportional representation.

Hence this measure, which seeks to institutionalize key reforms in Republic Act No. 7941 by:

1. Removing the three-seat limit to enable full democratic and proportional representation;
2. Prohibiting members of political dynasties from becoming party-list nominees or representatives;
3. Banning party-list nominees or representatives who own or have a beneficial interest in businesses that engage in government contracts; and
4. Introducing a clearer and fairer formula in determining the allocation of seats by defining a minimum threshold based on the number of available seats for party-list representatives.

This measure seeks to re-establish the constitutional intent of the party-list system – a clear opportunity to democratize political power from the elite few to the people. With its passage, the hope remains for a truly representative Congress that advocates for the marginalized, disadvantaged, and exploited sectors of society and ensures democratic participation.

⁵ Baluis, Aaron John, Leanne Louise Isip & Carmela Fonbuena, *Political dynasties also swarm the party-list elections*, RAPPLER (Dec. 7, 2024), <https://www.rappler.com/philippines/elections/party-list-nominees-political-dynasties-2025/>.

⁶ Go, A Bluebook-style citation for the article would look like: Miriam Grace A. Go, “[*Local Power*]/[*House of Contractors*]: We have the list, now what?” RAPPLER (Sept. 6, 2025), <https://www.rappler.com/voices/thought-leaders/local-power-house-of-representatives-contractors-list/>

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7941 is hereby amended as
2 follows:

3 “Section 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the
4 ‘**REVISED** Party-List System Act’.”

5 **SECTION 2.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7941 is hereby amended as
6 follows:

7 “Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State shall promote
8 proportional representation in the election of
9 representatives to the House of Representatives
10 through a party-list system of registered national,
11 regional and sectoral parties or organizations or

1 coalitions thereof, which will enable Filipino citizens
2 belonging to the marginalized and underrepresented
3 sectors, organizations, [and] **OR** parties, and **GROUPS**
4 **THAT** [who] lack well-defined political constituencies
5 but who could contribute to the formulation and
6 enactment of appropriate legislation that will benefit
7 the nation as a whole, to become members of the House
8 of Representatives. Towards this end, the State shall
9 develop and guarantee a full, free and open party
10 system in order to attain the broadest possible
11 representation of party, sectoral or group interests in
12 the House of Representatives by enhancing their
13 chances to compete for and win seats in the legislature,
14 and shall provide the simplest scheme possible.”

15 **SECTION 3.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7941 is hereby amended as
16 follows:

17 “Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.* –

18
19 “(a) The party-list system is a mechanism of
20 proportional representation in the election of
21 representatives to the House of Representatives from
22 national, regional and sectoral parties or organizations,
23 or coalitions **OR SECTORAL WINGS OF MAJOR**
24 **POLITICAL PARTIES** thereof registered with the
25 Commission on Elections (COMELEC). Component
26 parties or organizations of a coalition may participate
27 independently provided the coalition of which they form
28 part does not participate in the party-list system.

29
30 “(b) ~~[A party means either a political party or a sectoral~~
31 ~~party or a coalition of parties.]~~ **A PARTY-LIST**
32 **ORGANIZATION IS A GROUP OF CITIZENS**

1 THAT IS DULY REGISTERED WITH THE
2 COMELEC UNDER THIS ACT FOR THE
3 PURPOSE OF SEEKING REPRESENTATION IN
4 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 THROUGH THE PARTY-LIST SYSTEM.
6

7 (i) A NATIONAL PARTY-LIST
8 ORGANIZATION REFERS TO A
9 PARTY-LIST ORGANIZATION WITH A
10 MEMBERSHIP, ORGANIZATIONAL
11 STRUCTURE, AND POLITICAL
12 ADVOCACY THAT ARE NATIONAL IN
13 SCOPE.

14 (ii) A REGIONAL PARTY-LIST
15 ORGANIZATION REFERS TO A
16 PARTY-LIST ORGANIZATION WITH A
17 MEMBERSHIP AND
18 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
19 FROM AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF
20 THE CITIES AND PROVINCES
21 COMPRISING ONE REGION.

22 (iii) A SECTORAL PARTY-LIST
23 ORGANIZATION REFERS TO A
24 PARTY-LIST ORGANIZATION WITH
25 ALL OF ITS MEMBERS BELONGING
26 TO ANY OF THE SECTORS
27 ENUMERATED IN SECTION 5
28 HEREOF OR ANY OTHER GROUP OF
29 CITIZENS SHARING THE SAME AGE
30 GROUPS, SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS,
31 GENDER IDENTITIES OR
32 EXPRESSIONS, SEX
33 CHARACTERISTICS, EMPLOYMENT,
34 INTERESTS, OR CONCERNS. A
35 SECTORAL WING OF A MAJOR
36 POLITICAL PARTY MAY BE A
37 SECTORAL PARTY-LIST
38 ORGANIZATION IF IT MEETS THE

1 REQUIREMENTS IN THIS
2 PARAGRAPH AND HAS ITS OWN
3 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS,
4 PLATFORM OR PROGRAM OF
5 GOVERNMENT, AND SET OF
6 OFFICERS.

7 (iv) A MULTI-SECTORAL PARTYLIST
8 ORGANIZATION REFERS TO A
9 PARTY-LIST ORGANIZATION WHOSE
10 MEMBERS BELONG TO TWO OR
11 MORE SECTORS ENUMERATED IN
12 SECTION 5 HEREOF OR OTHER
13 GROUPS OF CITIZENS SHARING
14 SIMILAR AGE GROUPS, SEXUAL
15 ORIENTATIONS, GENDER
16 IDENTITIES OR EXPRESSIONS, SEX
17 CHARACTERISTICS, EMPLOYMENT,
18 INTERESTS, OR CONCERNS.

19
20 “(c) A political party refers to an organized group of
21 citizens DULY REGISTERED WITH THE
22 COMELEC advocating an ideology or platform,
23 principles and policies for the general conduct of
24 government and which, as the most immediate means
25 of securing their adoption, regularly nominates and
26 supports certain of its leaders and members as
27 candidates for public office.

28
29 (i) It is a national POLITICAL party when its
30 constituency is spread over the geographical
31 territory of at least a majority of the regions.

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33 (ii) It is a regional POLITICAL party when its
34 constituency is spread over the geographical
35 territory of at least a majority of the cities
36 and provinces comprising the region.
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1 (iii) A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY
2 REFERS TO A DULY REGISTERED
3 AND ACCREDITED POLITICAL
4 PARTY OR COALITION OF PARTIES
5 WHICH THE COMELEC, AFTER DUE
6 NOTICE AND HEARING AND IN
7 ACCORDANCE WITH LAW,
8 DETERMINES TO POSSESS
9 NATIONAL CHARACTER AND
10 SUBSTANTIAL POLITICAL
11 STRENGTH. A POLITICAL PARTY
12 THAT FIELDS CANDIDATES IN THE
13 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT ELECTIONS
14 IS A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY.

15
16 ~~“(d) [A sectoral party refers to an organized group of~~
17 ~~citizens belonging to any of the sectors enumerated in~~
18 ~~Section 5 hereof whose principal advocaey pertains to~~
19 ~~the special interest and concerns of their sector.]~~
20 AVAILABLE SEATS REFER TO THE ACTUAL
21 NUMBER OF SEATS RESERVED FOR THE
22 PARTY-LIST SYSTEM IN THE HOUSE OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES.

24
25 ~~“(e) [A sectoral organization refers to a group of citizens~~
26 ~~or a coalition of groups of citizens who share similar~~
27 ~~physical attributes or characteristics, employment,~~
28 ~~interests or concerns.]~~ THE WINNING MINIMUM
29 PERCENTAGE THRESHOLD REFERS TO THE
30 VALUE OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%)
31 MULTIPLIED BY ONE DIVIDED BY THE
32 NUMBER OF AVAILABLE SEATS. THIS VALUE
33 SHALL BE EXPRESSED IN AT LEAST SIX (6)
34 DECIMAL PLACES FOR ACCURACY.

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36 ~~“(f) [A coalition refers to an aggrupation of duly~~
37 ~~registered national, regional, sectoral parties or~~
38 ~~organizations for political and/or election purposes.]~~

1 **WINNING MINIMUM PERCENTERS REFER TO**
2 **REGISTERED PARTY-LIST ORGANIZATIONS**
3 **THAT REACH THE WINNING MINIMUM**
4 **PERCENTAGE THRESHOLD.”**
5

6 **SECTION 4.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7941 is hereby amended to read
7 as follows:

8 “Sec. 4. *Manifestation to Participate in the Party-List*
9 *System.* — Any [~~party, organization, or coalition~~]
10 **PARTY-LIST ORGANIZATION** already registered
11 with the [~~Commission~~] **COMELEC UNDER THIS**
12 **ACT** need not register anew. However, such [~~party,~~
13 ~~organization, — or — coalition~~] **PARTY-LIST**
14 **ORGANIZATION** shall file with the [~~Commission~~]
15 **COMELEC**, not later than ninety (90) days before the
16 election, a manifestation of its desire to participate in
17 the party-list system.”
18

19 **SECTION 5.** Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7941 is hereby amended to read
20 as follows:

21 “Sec. 5. *Registration.* — Any organized group of
22 [~~persons~~] **CITIZENS** may register as a [~~party,~~
23 ~~organization, — or — coalition~~] **PARTY-LIST**
24 **ORGANIZATION** for purposes of the party-list
25 system by filing with the COMELEC not later than
26 ninety (90) days before the election a petition verified
27 by its president or secretary stating its [~~desire~~]
28 **INTENTION** to participate in the party-list system
29 [~~as a national, regional, or sectoral party or~~
30 ~~organization or a coalition of such parties or~~
31 ~~organizations~~], attaching thereto its constitution, by-
32 laws, platform or program of government, list of
33 officers, coalition agreement and other relevant
34 information as the COMELEC may require:
35 **PROVIDED, THAT FOR SECTORAL OR MULTI-**
36 **SECTORAL PARTY-LIST ORGANIZATIONS,** the
37

1 sectors ~~[shall]~~ **MAY** include labor, peasant, fisherfolk,
2 urban poor, indigenous cultural communities, elderly,
3 handicapped, women, youth, veterans, overseas
4 workers, and professionals[-] **OR OTHER GROUPS**
5 **OF CITIZENS SHARING SIMILAR AGE**
6 **GROUPS, SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS, GENDER**
7 **IDENTITIES OR EXPRESSIONS, SEX**
8 **CHARACTERISTICS, EMPLOYMENT,**
9 **INTERESTS, OR CONCERNS.**

10
11 **“THE VERIFIED PETITION MUST STATE THE**
12 **FOLLOWING:**

13
14 **(i) NAME AND ACRONYM OF THE PARTY-LIST**
15 **ORGANIZATION, WITH THE ACRONYM NOT**
16 **EXCEEDING TWENTY (20) CHARACTERS;**

17 **(ii) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ITS**
18 **PRESIDENT, CHAIRPERSON, OR SECRETARY-**
19 **GENERAL WHO WILL REPRESENT THE**
20 **PARTY-LIST ORGANIZATION IN THE**
21 **PETITION;**

22 **(iii) PETITIONER’S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS;**

23 **(iv) NAMES, POSITIONS, AND ADDRESSES OF**
24 **ITS ELECTED OFFICERS;**

25 **(v) PETITIONER’S INTENTION TO**
26 **PARTICIPATE IN THE PARTY-LIST**
27 **ELECTION;**

28 **(vi) NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ITS**
29 **CHAPTER OFFICES;**

30 **(vii) THAT ALL OF ITS OFFICERS AND**
31 **MEMBERS ARE MADE AWARE OF THE**
32 **PETITION AND HAVE GIVEN THEIR CONSENT**
33 **THERE TO;**

34 **(viii) THE LIST OF DOCUMENTS ATTACHED**
35 **TO THE PETITION;**

36 **(ix) THAT IT IS NOT A RELIGIOUS SECT OR**
37 **DENOMINATION, ORGANIZATION, OR**

1 ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED FOR RELIGIOUS
2 PURPOSES;

3 (x) THAT IT DOES NOT ADVOCATE VIOLENCE
4 OR UNLAWFUL MEANS TO ACHIEVE ITS
5 GOALS;

6 (xi) THAT IT IS NOT AN ADJUNCT OR A
7 PROJECT ORGANIZED OR AN ENTITY
8 FUNDED OR ASSISTED BY THE
9 GOVERNMENT;

10 (xii) THAT IT IS NOT DIRECTLY OR
11 INDIRECTLY ESTABLISHED BY A POLITICAL
12 DYNASTY;

13 (xiii) THAT IT IS NOT DIRECTLY OR
14 INDIRECTLY RELATED TO ANY PERSON WHO
15 HAS A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN OR HOLD
16 CONTRACTS OR SUB-CONTRACTS TO SUPPLY
17 THE GOVERNMENT OR ANY OF ITS
18 DIVISIONS, SUBDIVISIONS, OR
19 INSTRUMENTALITIES, WITH GOODS OR
20 SERVICES OR TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION
21 OR OTHER WORKS;

22 (xiv) THAT IT IS NOT A FOREIGN PARTY OR
23 ORGANIZATION;

24 (xv) THAT IT DOES NOT RECEIVE SUPPORT
25 FOR PARTISAN POLITICAL PURPOSES FROM
26 ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FOREIGN
27 POLITICAL PARTY, FOUNDATION, OR
28 ORGANIZATION, WHETHER DIRECTLY OR
29 INDIRECTLY;

30 (xvi) THE PERIOD OF EXISTENCE OF THE
31 PETITIONER, WHICH SHALL BE AT LEAST
32 ONE (1) YEAR AT THE TIME THE PETITION IS
33 FILED; AND

34 (xvii) THAT IT COMMITS TO COMPLY WITH
35 THE LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS
36 RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

1 “The COMELEC shall publish the petition in at least
2 two (2) national newspapers of general circulation. The
3 COMELEC shall, after due notice and hearing, resolve
4 the petition, **OR ANY MOTION FOR ITS**
5 **RECONSIDERATION OF THE DENIAL OR**
6 **APPROVAL THEREOF**, within fifteen (15) days
7 from the date it was submitted for decision but in no
8 case not later than sixty (60) days before election.

9
10 **“THE COMELEC SHALL DENY OR CANCEL**
11 **THE REGISTRATION OF PARTY-LIST**
12 **ORGANIZATIONS WITH NAMES, ACRONYMS,**
13 **OR EMBLEMS THAT:**

14
15 A) **ARE PATTERNED AFTER, DERIVED FROM,**
16 **OR CONFUSINGLY SIMILAR TO TITLES OF**
17 **TELEVISION OR RADIO PROGRAMS THAT**
18 **ARE EXISTING OR DEFUNCT AT THE TIME**
19 **OF REGISTRATION;**

20
21 B) **ARE IDENTICAL OR CONFUSINGLY**
22 **SIMILAR TO THE NAMES OF EXISTING OR**
23 **DEFUNCT GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE,**
24 **SUBSIDY, WELFARE, DEVELOPMENT, OR**
25 **OTHER PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, OR**
26 **ACTIVITIES;**

27
28 C) **USE, REFER TO, OR ARE CONFUSINGLY**
29 **SIMILAR TO THE NAMES, STAGE NAMES,**
30 **INITIALS, IMAGES, LIKENESS, OR WELL-**
31 **KNOWN MONICKERS OF LIVING OR**
32 **DECEASED PUBLIC OFFICIALS,**
33 **POLITICIANS, CELEBRITIES, ATHLETES,**
34 **OR OTHER PUBLIC FIGURES; OR**

35
36 D) **OTHERWISE CREATE A FALSE**
37 **IMPRESSION OF ENDORSEMENT,**
38 **AFFILIATION, OR CONNECTION WITH ANY**

1 GOVERNMENT PROGRAM OR PUBLIC
2 FIGURE.

3
4 “ALL EXISTING REGISTERED PARTY-LIST
5 ORGANIZATIONS WITH NAMES, ACRONYMS,
6 OR EMBLEMS THAT FALL WITHIN THE
7 PROHIBITIONS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL
8 BE REQUIRED TO ADOPT AND REGISTER A
9 COMPLIANT NAME, ACRONYM, OR EMBLEM
10 WITH THE COMELEC WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS
11 FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT.”

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13 **SECTION 6.** Section 6 of Republic Act No. 7941 is hereby amended to read
14 as follows:

15
16 “Sec. 6. *Refusal and/or Cancellation of Registration.*
17 The COMELEC may *motu proprio* or upon a verified
18 complaint of any interested party, refuse or cancel,
19 after due notice and hearing, the registration of any
20 [~~national, regional, or sectoral party, organization or~~
21 ~~coalition~~] **PARTY-LIST ORGANIZATION** on any of
22 the following grounds:

23
24 x x x

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26 “(7) [~~It has ceased to exist for at least one (1) year~~] **IT**
27 **WAS DISSOLVED, ABSORBED, MERGED, OR**
28 **HAS OTHERWISE CEASED TO EXIST**; or

29
30 “(8) It fails to participate in the last two (2) preceding
31 elections or fails to obtain at least [~~two percentum (2%)~~
32 ~~of the votes cast under the party-list system~~] **THE**
33 **WINNING MINIMUM PERCENTAGE**
34 **THRESHOLD** in the two (2) preceding elections [~~for~~
35 ~~the constituency in which it has registered~~].”

36
37 **SECTION 7.** Section 7 of Republic Act No. 7941 is hereby amended to read
38 as follows:

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2 “Sec. 7. *Certified List of Registered Parties.* — The
3 COMELEC shall, not later than sixty (60) days before
4 election, prepare a certified list of [~~national, regional,~~
5 ~~or sectoral party, organization or coalition~~] **PARTY-**
6 **LIST ORGANIZATIONS** which have applied or have
7 manifested their [~~desire~~] **INTENTION** to participate
8 under the party-list system and distribute copies
9 thereof to all precincts for posting in the polling places
10 on election day. [~~The names of the party-list nominees~~
11 ~~shall not be shown on the certified list~~] **THE**
12 **CERTIFIED LIST SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN A**
13 **NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION AT**
14 **LEAST ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO (2)**
15 **CONSECUTIVE WEEKS NOT LATER THAN**
16 **FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS BEFORE THE**
17 **ELECTION.**”

18
19 **SECTION 8.** Section 8 of Republic Act No. 7941 is hereby amended to read
20 as follows:

21
22 “Sec. 8. *Nomination of Party-List Representatives.*
23 Each registered [~~party, organization or coalition~~]
24 **PARTY-LIST ORGANIZATION** shall submit to
25 the COMELEC not later than forty-five (45) days
26 before the election a list of names, not less than
27 [~~five (5)~~] **TWENTY (20)**, from which party-list
28 representatives shall be chosen in case it obtains
29 the required number of votes. **IF A PARTY-LIST**
30 **ORGANIZATION WINS MORE THAN**
31 **TWENTY (20) SEATS IN AN ELECTION, IT**
32 **SHALL SUBMIT ADDITIONAL NOMINEES**
33 **TO THE COMELEC.**

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35 “A person may be nominated in one (1) list only.
36 Only persons who have given their consent in
37 writing may be named in the list. The list shall not
38 include any candidate for any elective office [~~or a~~]

1 person who has lost his bid for an elective office] **IN**
2 **THE CURRENT OR** in the immediately preceding
3 election, **EXCLUDING BARANGAY**
4 **ELECTIONS.** No change of names or alteration of
5 the order of nominees shall be allowed after the
6 same has been submitted to the COMELEC except
7 in cases where the nominee dies, [or] withdraws in
8 writing his nomination, **OR** becomes incapacitated,
9 in which case the name of the substitute nominee
10 shall be placed last in the list. [~~Incumbent sectoral~~
11 ~~representatives in the House of Representatives~~
12 ~~who are nominated in the party list system shall~~
13 ~~not be considered resigned.]”~~
14

15 ***SECTION 9.*** New provisions after Section 9 of Republic Act No. 7941 are
16 hereby added:
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18 **“SECTION 9-A. PROHIBITION AGAINST**
19 **POLITICAL DYNASTIES. NO PERSON MAY**
20 **BECOME OR SUBSTITUTE FOR A PARTY-LIST**
21 **NOMINEE OR OTHERWISE BECOME A PARTY-**
22 **LIST REPRESENTATIVE IF HE OR SHE IS:**
23

24 **A) A SPOUSE OR A RELATIVE WITHIN THE**
25 **FOURTH DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY**
26 **OR AFFINITY OF AN INCUMBENT**
27 **ELECTIVE OFFICIAL, INCLUDING A**
28 **PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE;**
29

30 **B) A SPOUSE OR RELATIVE WITHIN THE**
31 **FOURTH DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY**
32 **OR AFFINITY OF A NOMINEE OF ANY**
33 **PARTY-LIST ORGANIZATION OR A**
34 **CANDIDATE FOR ANY ELECTIVE PUBLIC**
35 **OFFICE IN THE SAME ELECTION; OR**
36

37 **C) SUCCEEDS TO THE OFFICE OF A PARTY-**
38 **LIST REPRESENTATIVE WHO IS HIS OR**

1 HER SPOUSE OR RELATIVE WITHIN THE
2 FOURTH DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY
3 OR AFFINITY.”
4

5 “SECTION 9-B. PROHIBITION AGAINST
6 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS. NO PARTY-
7 LIST NOMINEE OR REPRESENTATIVE OR
8 PARTY-LIST ORGANIZATION SHALL,
9 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY:
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11 A) HOLD CONTRACTS OR SUB-CONTRACTS
12 TO SUPPLY THE GOVERNMENT OR ANY
13 OF ITS DIVISIONS, SUBDIVISIONS, OR
14 INSTRUMENTALITIES, WITH GOODS OR
15 SERVICES OR TO PERFORM
16 CONSTRUCTION OR OTHER WORKS;
17

18 B) SERVE AS A PARTNER, DIRECTOR,
19 OFFICER, MEMBER, OR STOCKHOLDER
20 OF ANY CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP,
21 OR ENTITY THAT HOLDS ANY SUCH
22 CONTRACT OR SUB-CONTRACT AS IN THE
23 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH;
24 OR
25

26 C) POSSESS ANY BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP,
27 PECUNIARY INTEREST, OR FINANCIAL
28 STAKE IN ANY SUCH CONTRACT OR SUB-
29 CONTRACT AS IN THE PRECEDING
30 PARAGRAPHS OR IN ANY PARTNERSHIP,
31 CORPORATION, OR ENTITY HOLDING
32 SUCH CONTRACT OR SUB-CONTRACT.”
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34 “SECTION 9-C. PETITION FOR
35 DISQUALIFICATION OF PARTY-LIST
36 NOMINEE. — THE COMMISSION MAY, MOTU
37 PROPRIO OR UPON A VERIFIED PETITION,
38 REMOVE OR DISQUALIFY, AFTER DUE

1 NOTICE AND HEARING, A PARTY-LIST
2 NOMINEE ON THE GROUND THAT HE OR SHE
3 DOES NOT POSSESS ANY OF THE
4 QUALIFICATIONS OF A PARTY-LIST
5 NOMINEE OR THAT HE OR SHE POSSESSES
6 ANY OF THE PROHIBITIONS.”
7

8 **SECTION 10.** Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7941 is hereby amended to
9 read as follows:
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11 “Sec. 10. *Manner of Voting.* Every voter shall be
12 entitled to two (2) votes FOR THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES: the first is a vote for a
14 candidate for member of the House of Representatives
15 in [his] THE legislative district, and the second, a vote
16 for the [party, organization, or coalition] PARTY-
17 LIST ORGANIZATION he OR SHE wants
18 represented in the House of Representatives IN THE
19 PARTY-LIST SYSTEM: *Provided*, That a vote cast
20 for a [party, organization or coalition] PARTY-LIST
21 ORGANIZATION not entitled to be voted for [shall]
22 WILL not be counted[: *Provided, finally*, That the first
23 election under the party-list system shall be held in
24 May 1998.] AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN
25 THE COMPUTATION OF THE TOTAL NUMBER
26 OF VOTES CAST FOR THE PARTY-LIST.”
27

28 **SECTION 11.** Section 11 of Republic Act No. 7941 is hereby amended to
29 read as follows:
30

31 “Sec. 11. *Number of Party-List Representatives.* The
32 party-list representatives shall constitute twenty
33 *percentum* (20%) of the total number of the members
34 of the House of Representatives including those under
35 the party-list. THE AVAILABLE SEATS SHALL
36 BE COMPUTED BY MULTIPLYING THE
37 NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS BY
38 TWENTY FIVE PERCENT (25%), ROUNDED TO

1 **THE NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER. A PARTY-**
2 **LIST ORGANIZATION MAY BE ENTITLED TO**
3 **MORE THAN THREE (3) SEATS IN THE HOUSE**
4 **OF REPRESENTATIVES.**
5

6 “For purposes of the May 1998 elections, the first five
7 (5) major political parties on the basis of party
8 representation in the House of Representatives at the
9 start of the Tenth Congress of the Philippines shall not
10 be entitled to participate in the party-list system.
11

12 ~~“[In determining the allocation of seats for the second~~
13 ~~vote, the following procedure shall be observed:]~~
14

15 ~~“[(a) The parties, organizations, and coalitions shall be~~
16 ~~ranked from the highest to the lowest based on the~~
17 ~~number of votes they garnered during the elections.]~~
18

19 ~~“[(b) The parties, organizations, and coalitions~~
20 ~~receiving at least two percent (2%) of the total votes~~
21 ~~cast for the party list system shall be entitled to one~~
22 ~~seat each: Provided, That those garnering more than~~
23 ~~two percent (2%) of the votes shall be entitled to~~
24 ~~additional seats in proportion to their total number of~~
25 ~~votes: Provided, finally, That each party, organization,~~
26 ~~or coalition shall be entitled to not more than three (3)~~
27 ~~seats.]”~~
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29 **SECTION 12.** Section 12 of Republic Act No. 7941 is hereby amended to
30 read as follows:
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32 “Sec. 12. *Procedure in Allocating Seats for the Party-*
33 ~~*List Representatives.*~~ [The COMELEC shall tally all
34 the votes for the parties, organizations, or coalitions on
35 a nationwide basis, rank them according to the
36 number of votes received and allocate party list
37 representatives proportionately according to the
38 percentage of votes obtained by each party,

1 ~~organization, or coalition as against the total~~
2 ~~nationwide votes cast for the party-list system.]~~ IN
3 ALLOCATING SEATS FOR THE PARTY-LIST
4 SYSTEM, THE COMELEC SHALL ADOPT THE
5 FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

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7 “(A) THE COMELEC SHALL FIRST
8 DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE
9 SEATS FOR THE PARTY-LIST SYSTEM.

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11 “(B) THE PARTY-LIST ORGANIZATIONS THAT
12 PARTICIPATED IN THE PARTY-LIST
13 ELECTION SHALL BE RANKED FROM THAT
14 WHICH OBTAINED THE HIGHEST NUMBER
15 OF VOTES TO THAT WHICH OBTAINED THE
16 LOWEST NUMBER OF VOTES DURING THE
17 ELECTION.

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19 “(C) THE PERCENTAGE OF VOTES OF EACH
20 PARTY-LIST ORGANIZATION RELATIVE TO
21 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VALID VOTES CAST
22 FOR THE PARTY-LIST ELECTION SHALL BE
23 DETERMINED BY DIVIDING THE NUMBER OF
24 VOTES OBTAINED BY THE PARTY-LIST
25 ORGANIZATION BY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF
26 VALID VOTES CAST UNDER THE PARTY-LIST
27 SYSTEM AND MULTIPLYING THE RESULT BY
28 ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%), COMPUTED
29 UP TO SIX (6) DECIMAL PLACES.

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31 “(D) THE WINNING MINIMUM PERCENTAGE
32 THRESHOLD SHALL BE COMPUTED. BASED
33 ON THE RESULT OF THE IMMEDIATELY
34 PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, THE WINNING
35 MINIMUM PERCENTERS WILL BE
36 SEGREGATED FROM THE PARTY-LIST
37 ORGANIZATIONS THAT DID NOT REACH THE

1 WINNING MINIMUM PERCENTAGE
2 THRESHOLD.

3
4 “(E) THE NUMBER OF VOTES OBTAINED BY
5 EACH WINNING MINIMUM PERCENTER
6 SHALL BE DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL NUMBER
7 OF VALID VOTES CAST FOR ALL THE
8 WINNING MINIMUM PERCENTERS AND
9 MULTIPLIED BY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF
10 AVAILABLE SEATS. THE RESULT WILL BE
11 THE NUMBER OF SEATS IN THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES THAT SHALL BE
13 AWARDED TO THE WINNING MINIMUM
14 PERCENTER, ROUNDED DOWN TO THE
15 NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER. A PARTY-LIST
16 ORGANIZATION MAY BE AWARDED MORE
17 THAN THREE (3) SEATS.

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19 “(F) ANY REMAINING AVAILABLE SEATS WILL
20 BE ALLOCATED TO OTHER PARTY-LIST
21 ORGANIZATIONS THAT DID NOT REACH THE
22 WINNING MINIMUM PERCENTAGE
23 THRESHOLD. ONE SEAT WILL BE AWARDED
24 TO EACH OF THEM, AS RANKED IN
25 PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SECTION, UNTIL
26 ALL THE AVAILABLE SEATS SHALL HAVE
27 BEEN EXHAUSTED.”

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29 ***SECTION 13.*** A new section is hereby inserted after Section 17 of Republic
30 Act No. 7941, as follows:

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32 “SECTION 17-A. VOTER EDUCATION. THE
33 COMELEC, TOGETHER WITH AND IN
34 SUPPORT OF ACCREDITED CITIZENS’ ARMS,
35 SHALL CARRY OUT A CONTINUING AND
36 SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN THROUGH
37 PUBLICATIONS, RADIO, TELEVISION, AND
38 OTHER MEDIA FORMS, INCLUDING SOCIAL

1 MEDIA, AS WELL AS THROUGH SEMINARS,
2 SYMPOSIA, FORUMS, AND OTHER NON-
3 TRADITIONAL MEANS TO EDUCATE THE
4 PUBLIC AND FULLY INFORM THE
5 ELECTORATE ABOUT THE PARTY-LIST
6 SYSTEM INCLUDING HOW TO CAST THE VOTE
7 THEREFOR.”

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9 **SECTION 14.** Section 18 of Republic Act No. 7941 is hereby amended to
10 read as follows:

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12 “Section 18. *Rules and Regulations.* The COMELEC,
13 IN CONSULTATION WITH PARTY-LIST
14 ORGANIZATIONS, CIVIL SOCIETY
15 ORGANIZATIONS, AND MEMBERS OF THE
16 ACADEME, shall promulgate the necessary rules and
17 regulations **IN THE FORM OF RESOLUTIONS** as
18 may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.”

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20 **SECTION 15. Separability Clause.** If any part of this Act is held invalid
21 or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions thereof shall remain valid
22 and effective.

23
24 **SECTION 16. Repealing Clause.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
25 and regulations, proclamations, or parts thereof, particularly of Republic Act
26 No. 7941, or the “*Party-List System Act*” and of Republic Act No. 9006, or the
27 “*Fair Elections Act*,” which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
28 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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30 **SECTION 17. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect 15 days after its
31 publication in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,