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HOUSE BILL NO. **10638**



Introduced by Representative Crispin Diego “Ping” D. Remulla

AN ACT
INTEGRATING VOTER EDUCATION IN THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH
SCHOOL CURRICULA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution mandates that “The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.” This highlights the importance of preparing the youth not only as future leaders but also as active, informed, and responsible citizens.

In recent years, the youth’s potential to shape the future of the country has become more evident in democratic participation, especially during the elections. Data from the COMELEC, as reported by news outlets, showed that the voting population for the 2025 national and local elections has reached over 75.9 million, which is approximately 10 million more than the 2022 polls. Of this number, nearly 70 million are registered voters.

Among these registered voters, Millennials (born 1981-1996) account for approximately 25.94 million or 34.15%, while Generation Z (born 1997-2007) comprises about 21.87 million or 28.79%. Combined, these two generations make up 62.94% of the voting age

population and roughly 68% of registered voters. These figures clearly highlight that the youth are not just the future of the nation, but also they are a powerful electoral force in the present.

This measure proposes the integration of voter education into the curricula of junior and senior high school students. This measure shall instill in students a clear understanding of democratic principles, electoral processes, responsible voting, and the significance of civic participation. By institutionalizing voter education, the country will take a proactive step in building a more engaged, informed, and empowered voting population. With this, the government will be able to strengthen democracy and uphold the constitutional commitment to nurture the youth as partners in nation building.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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CRISPIN DIEGO “PING” D. REMULLA



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Voter Education Act.”

2 **SEC. 2.** Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to enlighten and empower
3 citizens on their right to vote and to inculcate in them the duty to preserve the integrity of the
4 electoral process and sanctity of the ballot through the educational system.

5 **SEC. 3.** Definition of Voter Education. – Voter education refers to the dissemination
6 of information, materials, and programs designed to inform citizens about the specifics and
7 mechanics of the voting process. It includes providing information on the right to suffrage, its
8 importance, and the proper exercise thereof, as well as information on who is eligible to vote;
9 where and how to register; how electors can check the voter lists to ensure they have been duly
10 included; what type of elections are being held; where, when and how to vote; who the
11 candidates are; and how to file complaints.

12 **SEC. 4.** Integration of Voter Education in the Junior and Senior High School Curricula.
13 – Voter Education shall be integrated by the Department of Education (DepEd) in the junior
14 and senior high school curricula, effective at the start of the school year immediately following
15 one year from the effectivity of this Act.

16 The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall assist DepEd in preparing teachers during
17 the one-year transition period by conducting seminars and trainings on the electoral system and

process. COMELEC shall certify that the teacher, after attending such seminars and trainings, is qualified to teach topics relating to the electoral system and process.

SEC. 5. Voter Education Syllabus. –

a) Voter Education – The main syllabus shall include, but not be limited to, the following thematic areas:

(1) Suffrage – This area introduces students the right to vote accorded by the Constitution, and other rights enabling citizens to participate in the conduct of public affairs.

(2) Electoral system and process. – This area deals with the general principles underlying the present electoral system, and legislation regulating all the phases of election, namely pre-election, election proper, and post-election. It discusses the proper conduct of elections, including registration, casting of ballots, and counting of votes, as well as the functions and roles of various actors in the electoral process, such as election inspectors and supervisors, poll watchers, canvassers, mass media, etc., and the prohibited and regulated acts throughout the election period.

(3) Educated voting – This area focuses on the attitude and behavior a voter must adopt to ensure fair, free, and honest elections. It emphasizes the importance of participating in elections in a manner that shall stimulate and strengthen democracy. This may include other forms of people’s participation in governance, such as plebiscites, referenda, people’s initiatives, recalls, and barangay assemblies.

b) Supplementary Topics – This curriculum should have additional topics and studies on the political system of the country, the contextual background of elections, current political, social, and economic issues affecting the elections, and the possible solutions to address them. This may also include media and information literacy concerning the capacity of voters in appreciating digital information, identification of misinformation, disinformation, deepfakes, propaganda techniques, algorithmic influence, and responsible digital citizenship.

c) All instructional materials shall be non-partisan, non-sectarian, evidence-based, and shall not endorse or oppose any candidate, political party, or political ideology.

d) Other subject matters – Other areas of voter education may be included in the syllabus.

SEC. 6. Implementing Agency. – The Secretary of Education is hereby authorized and directed to adopt a system to implement and carry out the provisions of this Act. The Secretary of Education, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, shall promulgate the rules

1 and regulations, including those of a disciplinary nature, to carry out and enforce the provisions
2 of this Act.

3 **SEC. 7. Educational Materials.** – It shall be obligatory for all schools offering
4 secondary education to keep in their libraries an adequate number of copies of the textbooks,
5 primers, and leaflets on voter education to be issued by the DepEd. The DepEd shall determine
6 the adequacy of books and educational materials, depending upon the enrollment of the school.

7 The COMELEC shall prepare and provide fact sheets, election briefers for the students,
8 summarized election laws and resolutions, and information materials to schools through the
9 DepEd, as part of its Voter Education Program. COMELEC shall also upload such materials
10 on its official website to allow basic education institutions and students to access the same.

11 **SEC. 8. Separability Clause.** – If for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared
12 unconstitutional or invalid, such parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

13 **SEC. 9. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations,
14 and other issuances or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are
15 hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

16 **SEC. 10. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
17 in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation. [OBJ]

Approved,