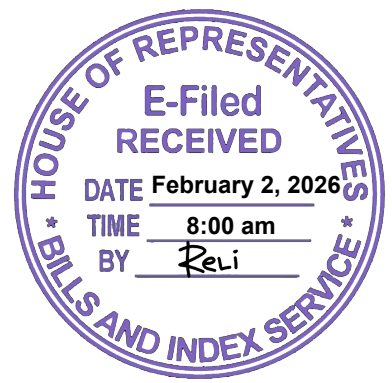


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 82

Submitted by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms on **February 2, 2026.**

Re: House Bill No. **7486**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 550, 2970, and 3778

Sponsors: Representatives Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas and Ziaur-Rahman "Zia" Alonto Adiong

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, to which were referred House Bill No. 550, introduced by Representative Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES AND DEFINING AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR THIS PURPOSE, AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

House Bill No. 2970, introduced by Reps. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, and Jude A. Acidre, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR OTHER ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

and House Bill No. 3778, introduced by Rep. Dale B. Corvera, entitled:

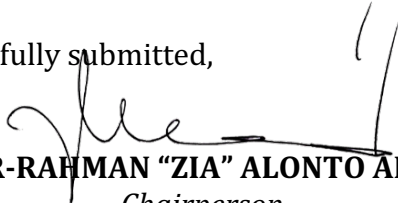
"AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF AUTHORIZED ELECTION CAMPAIGN EXPENSES FOR CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", AS AMENDED"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. **7486**, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED, “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES””

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 550, 2970, and 3778 with Representatives Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, Jude A. Acidre, Dale B. Corvera, Ziaur-Rahman “Zia” Alonto Adiong, King Collantes, Ma. Rene Ann Lourdes G. Matibag, Ysabel Maria J. Zamora, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Renee Louise M. Co, Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, Ramon Rodrigo L. Gutierrez, Edgar R. Erice, and Leila M. De Lima as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



ZIAUR-RAHMAN “ZIA” ALONTO ADIONG
Chairperson

Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7486

(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 550, 2970, and 3778)

Introduced by Representatives Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, Jude A. Acidre, Dale B. Corvera, Ziaur-Rahman “Zia” Alonto Adiong, King Collantes, Ma. Rene Ann Lourdes G. Matibag, Ysabel Maria J. Zamora, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Renee Louise M. Co, Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, Ramon Rodrigo L. Gutierrez, Edgar R. Erice, and Leila M. De Lima

AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED, “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

SECTION 1. Section 13 of Republic Act No. 7166, entitled “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 13. *Authorized Expenses of Candidates and Political Parties.* - The aggregate amount that a candidate or registered political party may spend for election campaign shall be as follows:

(a) For candidates – [Ten] **FIFTY pesos [(P10.00)] (P50.00)** for President and **FORTY PESOS (P40.00) FOR** Vice-President; and [for other candidates, Three pesos (P3.00)] **THIRTY PESOS (P30.00) FOR SENATOR, DISTRICT**

1 **REPRESENTATIVE, GOVERNOR, VICE-GOVERNOR, BOARD MEMBER,**
2 **MAYOR, VICE-MAYOR, COUNCILOR, AND PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE**
3 for every voter currently registered in the constituency where [he] **THE**
4 **CANDIDATE** filed [his] **THE** Certificate of candidacy[: *Provided*, That, a
5 candidate without any political party and without support from any political
6 party may be allowed to spend Five Pesos (P5.00) for every such voter]; and
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8 (b) For political parties – [Five] **THIRTY** pesos [(P5.00)] **(P30.00)** for every
9 voter currently registered in the constituency or constituencies where it has
10 official candidates.

11 “Any provision of the law to the contrary notwithstanding, any contribution in cash
12 or in kind to any candidate or political party or coalition of parties for campaign
13 purposes, duly reported to the Commission, shall not be subject to the payment of any
14 [gift] **DONOR’S** tax.”
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16 **SEC. 2. THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE**
17 **BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING**
18 **AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, MAKE THE**
19 **NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN**
20 **EXPENSES PER REGISTERED VOTER AS PROVIDED IN THIS ACT BASED ON THE**
21 **ENSUING CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.**
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23 **SEC. 3.** The Commission on Elections shall, within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this
24 Act, promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.
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26 **SEC. 4.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder or any
27 provision thereof not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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29 **SEC. 5.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts
30 inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
31 accordingly.

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SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*
or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

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*Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS***

*Committee Chairperson: **ZIAUR-RAHMAN “ZIA” ALONTO ADIONG***

OBJECTIVE:

- To encourage candidates and political parties to submit to the Commission on Elections a more accurate, truthful, and appropriate Statement of Contributions and Expenses by increasing the amounts of authorized campaign expenditures for every registered voter to a more realistic level considering the current prices of election related materials and services.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Increases the authorized election campaign expense of candidates from the current limits to fifty pesos (P50.00) per voter for President, forty pesos (P40.00) per voter for Vice-President, thirty pesos (P30.00) per voter for other candidates, and thirty pesos (P30.00) per voter for political parties; and
- Mandates the Commission on Elections, in consultation with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the Department of Economy, Planning and Development, and the Philippine Statistics Authority, to make the necessary adjustments on the spending limits based on ensuing national inflation rate and consumer price index.

RELATED LAWS:

- Batas Pambansa Blg. 881, or the Omnibus Election Code of the Philippines
- Republic Act No. 7166, entitled An Act Providing for Synchronized National and Local Elections and for Electoral Reforms, Authorizing Appropriations Therefor, and for Other Purposes