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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5187

Introduced by REP. JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 1991, Republic Act No. 7166 was enacted. This statute provided the guidelines and rules for the imposition of simultaneous regular elections for national and local offices once every three years. The same law also prescribed for the expense limit that every candidate and political party should devote for every constituent in the campaign expenditure.

For candidates vying for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, a limit of Ten pesos (P10) is the prescribed expenditure for every voter. For other candidates, a limit of Three pesos (P3) is prescribed, where a candidate without political party and without support from any political party is allowed a higher limit of Five pesos (P5). In the same vein, political parties are allowed to spend with a Five Pesos (P5) limit for every voter in the constituency or constituencies where it has official candidates.

This measure seeks to update the almost thirty-year old law with an outdated expenditure limit. It should be noted that the present value of these statutory amounts are no longer the same as its 1991 values. This measure increases statutory limit as follows:

i. For candidates vying for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, the limit is increased to Twenty pesos (P20).

ii. For other candidates, the limit is increased to Ten pesos (P10). If such candidate is without political party and without support from any political party, the amount is increased to Fifteen pesos (P15).

iii. For political parties, the limit is increased to Fifteen Pesos (P15) limit for every voter in the constituency or constituencies where it has official candidates.
The approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166

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

Section 1. Section 13 of Republic Act No. 7166, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13. Authorized Expenses of Candidates and Political Parties.
– The agreement amount that a candidate or registered political party may spend for election campaign shall be as follows:

1. For candidates – Twenty Pesos (P20.00) for President and Vice-President; and for other candidates Ten Pesos (P10.00) for every voter currently registered in the constituency where he filed his certificate of candidacy: Provided, That a candidate without any political party and without support from any political party may be allowed to spend Fifteen Pesos (P15.00) for every such voter; and

2. For political parties. – Fifteen (P15.00) for every voter currently registered in the constituency or constituencies where it has official candidates.

Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding any contribution in cash or in kind to any candidate or political party or coalition of parties for campaign purposes, duly reported to the Commission shall not be subject to the payment of any gift tax.

Section 2. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, regulation or ordinance contrary to or
inconsistent with the provisions of the Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,