(a) **Crowdsourcing** refers to the practice of engaging individuals or a group towards a common goal, often at innovation, problem solving, or efficiency in the delivery of services. Powered by new technologies, social media and the development of the worldwide web 2.0, the individuals or groups are able to contribute to the formulation, improvement, and creation of laws that are beneficial to the nation;

(b) **Information and communications technology** refers to the totality of electronic means to access, create, collect, store, process, receive, transmit, present and disseminate information;

(c) **Online** refers to a location accessed, through a connection to or services by a central computer network or telecommunication systems, such as the internet, by citizens anywhere in the world as opposed to a physical location, or the condition of being connected to a network of computers or other devices;

(d) **Portal** refers to the homepages of the Philippine Senate and the House of Representatives or the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO) maintained by their respective Secretariats for purposes of this Act; and

(e) **Web 2.0** or the **Participative and Social Web** refers to the second generation of the World Wide Web (www) characterized especially by the change from static web pages to user-generated content, ease of use, inter-operability for end users, and which encourages a participatory culture as typified by social media users.

SEC. 4. Crowdsourcing in the Senate and the House of Representatives. – This Act allows the citizens and the public at large to participate in the legislative process through the internet or
telecommunication platforms. The crowdsourcing process shall be
as follows:

(a) On First Reading – Upon the filing of a national
measure, the Secretariats of the House of Representatives and the
Senate shall post a copy of the measure in the Congress Websites
and shall give the public fifteen (15) working days, except for bills
certified as urgent by the President, to submit their comments upon
referral of the measure on First Reading. The comments from the
public shall be part of the inputs to the committee deliberations.

A standing or special committee may incorporate the
comments submitted by the public and issue a crowdsourcing
feedback report online to inform the proponent of the action taken by
the standing or special committee.

(b) On Second Reading – Upon the submission of a
committee report by the concerned standing or special committee
to the Committee on Rules, the public is given three (3) working
days to submit its comments on the measure, except for bills
certified as urgent by the President, before the Committee on
Rules includes the report in the Calendar of Business.

(c) On Third Reading – After the measure is approved on
Third Reading, but before a Conference Committee is created, the
public is given three (3) working days to submit its comments and
the concerned committee shall review the same for consideration at
the Conference Committee level. Only comments germane to the
measure approved on Third Reading shall be considered.

SEC. 5. Crowdsourcing Through the Presidential Legislative
Liaison (PLLO) Office. – This Act allows all citizens and the public
at-large to participate in the legislative process through the
legislative liaison system via the internet or telecommunication
platforms. The homepage of the PLLO shall serve as the portal for
the department legislative liaison system for crowdsourcing
purposes.

The PLLO website shall provide a platform through the
internet where people can start a campaign or petition to review,
amend and repeal a law or create a bill, the result of which may be
transmitted to any member of both Houses for appropriate action.
The PLLO shall also provide for a crowdsourcing feedback report
online to inform the proponent of the action taken thereto.

SEC. 6. Procedure of Registration. – A citizen who would like
to start a campaign or petition to review, amend and repeal a law or
create a bill, shall register online, consistent with the provisions of
Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as the "Data Privacy Act
of 2012" and other applicable laws.

SEC. 7. Monitoring and Evaluation. – There shall be a
feedback mechanism that will guide the post-facto crowdsourcing
exercise. This will enable legislators to understand public
sentiments for improved grounding of their legislative duties and to
ensure that concerns raised by the public are acted upon by
appropriate entities. The concerned committees shall provide the
result of feedback consultations to a central secretariat of the
Planning and Management Information Service of both Houses of
Congress and the Office of the President, that will analyze the data
for emergent issues and concerns.
SEC. 8. Sunset Review. – Six (6) years from its enactment, Congress shall review and recommend amendments to this Act to attune it to developments in technology, and to determine if the same can be implemented in provinces and highly urbanized cities that have adopted telecommunications and information technology convergence.

SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretariat of both Houses of Congress and the PLLO shall, in coordination with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and concerned civil society organizations (CSOs), promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 10. Separability Clause. – In case any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,