

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2915



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Introduced by Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to rationalize the House of Representatives so that it adopts a more methodical and advanced system of checking House Members' attendance and conducting the division of the house during session proceedings.

The current method of roll call and house division is unspeakably primitive and counterproductive. Having to call the names of House Members (300 plus) every single time to check the attendance and to determine parliamentary votes, for lack of a better term, is time consuming as it is cumbersome.

With the advent of the state-of-the art computing technology, the legislative department does not have to put up with this antiquated practice of roll call and vote reckoning. There has to be more acceptable and reliable manner (such as the use of biometrics or similar technology) to carry out these routine tasks.

The immediate passage of this legislative measure is most earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**

**RATIONALIZING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN ORDER TO MODERNIZE AND PUT IN PLACE A MORE ADVANCED SYSTEM OF CALLING THE ROLL AND DETERMINING PARLIAMENTARY VOTES DURING SESSION PROCEEDINGS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. There shall hereby be installed in the House of Representatives a state-of-the-art system of calling the roll and determining parliamentary votes of House Members during session proceedings.

SEC. 2. The Department of Science and Technology shall implement the technical provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the House of Representatives under the General Appropriations Act of 2019.

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*