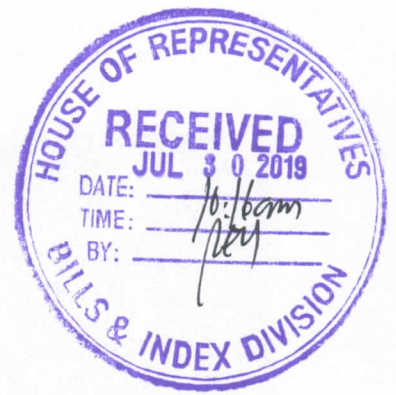


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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The spending limits under the Omnibus Election Code, which became law in 1985, were last updated in 1991 by Republic Act No. 7166.

Since then, the prices of goods and services have risen to a level as to have rendered the spending limits unrealistic, even obsolete.

Ideally, election spending limits should be reassessed and adjusted every election cycle to make them reasonable and realistic. The challenge to a periodic adjustment, however, has been the necessity to pass a law to amend current law.

This bill seeks to address that problem, first, by adjusting any spending limit adjustable for inflation based on prices during the year in which the limit was set by law. This not only would make these limits more realistic, but, more importantly, would forestall the need to pass a law for every adjustment.

Considering the urgent need to update the current spending limits, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
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**AN ACT**  
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**PERIODICALLY ADJUSTING THEM FOR INFLATION**

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

**Section 1.** This Act shall be known as the **Realistic Election Spending Limits Law**.

**Sec. 2.** Any amount provided by law as the maximum allowable election expenses of any candidate or political party, or maximum allowable contributions of any contributor, shall be periodically adjusted for inflation based on the prices during the year in which said law became effective.

**Sec. 3.** The Commission on Elections shall, in coordination with the National Economic and Development Authority, issue the rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act, and shall promulgate the maximum election expenses for every election not less than three (3) months from the start of the campaign period.

**Sec. 4.** Any law, rule or regulation inconsistent with this Act is hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

**Sec. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

**Approved,**