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House Joint Resolution No. 04

Introduced by Rep. AURELIO D. GONZALES, JR.

**JOINT RESOLUTION CALLING UPON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO CONVENE
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING PROPOSALS TO AMEND OR REVISE THE
CONSTITUTION, UPON A VOTE OF THREE-FOURTHS OF ALL MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the Constitution is the fundamental and paramount law which provides the framework of governance, as well as the instrument of the people to secure their rights and promote the common welfare;

WHEREAS, many sectors of the Philippine society have been clamoring for amendments to the present Constitution;

WHEREAS, under Article XVII, Section 1 of the Constitution, any amendment to, or revision of this Constitution may be proposed by:

- (1) The Congress, upon a vote of three-fourths of all its members, or
- (2) A Constitutional Convention;

WHEREAS, for economic consideration, the calling for a Constituent Assembly is more practical as it does away with a costly election of delegates to a Constitutional Convention and appropriating funds for its operation;

WHEREAS, as Representatives of the Filipino people, we must always foster the interest of the general public by formulating necessary measures for economic growth and development, while keeping pace with the rapid changes and circumstances surrounding them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, by a vote of three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of all its Members, and pursuant to Article XVII of the Constitution, to propose amendments to Articles VI and XII of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, with the following proposals:

1. Article VI (The Legislative Department), Section 7 shall be read as follows:

SECTION 7. The Members of the House of Representatives shall be elected for a term of [three] **FIVE** years which shall begin, unless otherwise provided by law, at noon on the thirtieth day of June next following their election.

No member of the House of Representatives shall serve for more than [three] **TWO** consecutive terms. Voluntary renunciation of the office for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of his service for the full term for which he was elected.

2. Article XII (National Economy and Patrimony), Section 3, shall be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 3. Lands of the public domain are classified into agricultural, forest or timber, mineral lands, and national parks. Agricultural lands of the public domain may be further classified by law according to the uses which they may be devoted. Alienable lands of the public domain shall be limited to agricultural lands. Private corporations or associations **WHOSE SHARES OF STOCKS ARE OWNED OR CONTROLLED AT LEAST SIXTY PERCENT (60%) BY FILIPINO CITIZENS** may [not hold such alienable lands of the public domain except by] lease **ALIENABLE LANDS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN**, for a period not exceeding twenty-five years, renewable for [not more than] **ANOTHER** twenty-five years, and not to exceed one thousand hectares in area. Citizens of the Philippines may lease not more than five hundred hectares[,] **OF ALIENABLE LANDS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN** or acquire not more than twelve hectares thereof by purchase, homestead, or grant.


Taking into account the requirements of conservation, ecology, and development, and subject to the requirements of agrarian reform, the Congress shall determine, by law, the size of lands of the public domain which may be acquired, developed, held, or leased and the conditions therefor.

3. Article XII (National Economy and Patrimony), Section 11, shall be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 11. No franchise, certificate, or any other form of authorization for the operation of a public utility shall be granted except to citizens of the Philippines or to corporations or associations organized under the laws of the Philippines at least sixty per centum of whose **VOTING** capital **STOCKS** [is] **ARE** owned by such citizens, nor shall such franchise, certificate, or authorization be exclusive in character or for a longer period than **TWENTY FIVE** [fifty years]. Neither shall any such franchise or right be granted except under the condition that it shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by the Congress when the common good so requires. The State shall encourage equity participation in public utilities by the general public. The participation of foreign investors in the governing body of any public utility enterprise shall be limited to their proportionate share in its capital[.]. **CONGRESS MAY, BY LAW, CHANGE THE VOTING CAPITAL REQUIREMENT AND PERIOD OF THE FRANCHISE UNDER THIS SECTION CONSIDERING PUBLIC WELFARE AND NATIONAL SECURITY, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE, SUCH**

ENTITIES SHALL BE MANAGED BY THE CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINES [and all the executive and managing officers of such corporation or association must be citizens of the Philippines].

Adopted.

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