

Other pending bills regarding voter registration (text not available online)

13th Congress

1. **HB00451** - AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8189 ENTITLED, 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, ADOPTING A SYSTEM OF CONTINUING REGISTRATION, PRESCRIBING THE PROCEDURES THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR' BY DELETING SECTION 44 THEREOF

Abstract: Section 44 of RA 8189 mandates the reassignment of election officers every four years to a new station outside of the congressional district they presently serve. The provision is viewed to be onerous since it dislocates their families, affects the schooling of their children and entails additional expenses in establishing a new residence. This bill seeks to delete Section 44 and revert back to Article 7, Section 56 of the Omnibus Election Code as the operative rule governing the reassignment of elections officers.

12th Congress

1. **HB00044** - AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY ISSUANCE OF VOTER'S IDENTIFICATION CARD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 128 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Abstract: This bill seeks to AMEND Section 128 of the Omnibus Election Code as follows:> ALL REGISTERED VOTERS SHALL BE ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARDS. The identification card issued to the voter shall serve and be considered as a document for the identification of each registered voter, X X X X X X [Any voter previously] ALL registered VOTERS [under the provisions of Presidential Decree Numbered 1846 who desires to] SHALL secure a voter identification card [shall, on any registration day;], provide four copies of his latest identification photograph to the board of election inspectors which upon receipt thereof shall affix one copy thereof to the voter's affidavit in the book of voters, one copy to the voter identification card to be issued to the voter WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM RECEIPT THEREOF and transmit through the election registrar, one copy each to the provincial election supervisor and the Commission to be respectively attached to the voter's affidavit in their respective custody.

2. **HB03377** - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPUTERIZED VOTER'S IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

Abstract: It is hereby declared a state policy to establish a voter's identification system as a means to ensure the integrity of the electoral process. Under this system, every registered voter shall, upon registration, furnish and make available his personal data to the Commission on Elections. >The voter's identification system shall be implemented by providing each bonafide years voter at least eighteen years old, a voter's identification card which shall contain the following personal data: (a) voter's name; (b) voter's sex; (c) voter's place of birth; (d) names of voter's parents; (e) voter's place of

residence; (f) voter's photograph; (g) voter's signature; (h) voter's right-thumb mark; (i) voter's identification number. >Each voter's identification card shall also bear the signature of the Chairman of the Commission on Elections. The voter's identification number shall be permanent and shall be entered in the central computerized database of the Commission on Elections.

3. **HB05036** - AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8189, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION ACT OF 1996' TO PROVIDE FOR THE HOLDING OF PERIODIC GENERAL VOTERS' REGISTRATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Abstract: Rationale: The continuing system of voter's registration established by R.A. No. 8189, otherwise known as the Voter's Registration Act of 1996, has spawned the massive and widespread disenfranchisement of legitimate voters as demonstrated in regular and special elections held since the enactment of the law. Unless remedied, the situation could erode the people's faith in the electoral process and thus weaken the strongest pillar of our democratic system of government. > The bill seeks to provide that remedy by requiring that a general registration of voters be conducted by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) periodically but only prior to a presidential election rather than before any regular or special election.

4. **HB06283** - AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL DISQUALIFICATION FROM VOTER REGISTRATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8189, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION ACT OF 1996

Abstract: Filipino soldiers swear to uphold, protect and defend the Constitution and to respect the supremacy of civilian authority over the military. When soldiers betray their duty to the Constitution by committing the crime of rebellion, mutiny or sedition, insurrection or coup d'etat, they are deemed to have renounced their rights and privileges under the same Constitution they chose to abandon. This bill proposes that such betrayal of constitutional duty, specially the crime of mutiny, insurrection or coup d'etat and other related crimes, be penalized with perpetual disqualification from voter registration. This disqualification from voter registration is tantamount to ineligibility to run for any public office.