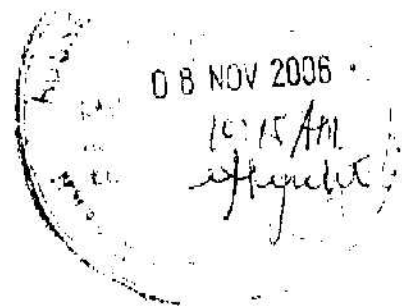


Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Metro Manila



13<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS

3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session

(RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES No. 02)

RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES CALLING A CONVENTION TO PROPOSE  
AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF, THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
PHILIPPINES.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in joint session assembled, by a vote of two-thirds of all the Members of each House voting separately:

SECTION 1. There is hereby called a convention to propose amendments to, or revision of, the Constitution of the Philippines, to be composed of two elective Delegates from each representative district who shall have the same qualifications as those required the of Members of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 2. The Delegates to the Convention shall be elected in an election to be held on the second Monday of May 2007, in accordance with the provisions of the Omnibus Election Code and other pertinent laws. The certificate of candidacy of a candidate for Delegate shall be filed in the same manner as that provided by the Omnibus Election Code and other pertinent laws with respect to candidates for the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3. The office of Delegate shall be honorary and shall be compatible with any other public office: Provided, That Delegates who do not receive any salary from the government shall be entitled to a per diem of 1,000 pesos for every day of attendance in the Convention or in any of its committees: Provided, however, That every Delegate shall be entitled to necessary traveling expenses to and from his place of residence when attending sessions of the Convention or of its committees.

SECTION 4. The Convention shall meet in the Session Hall of the House of Representatives on the fourth Monday of July, 2007, at one o'clock in the afternoon. Unless the Convention provides otherwise, a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may meet, adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members. The Convention shall be the sole judge of all


contests relating to the election, returns, and qualifications of its members; and it may organize and adopt such rules as it may see fit.


SECTION 5. The laws relative to parliamentary immunity of the Members of Congress shall be applicable to the members of the Convention, and the protection of the sessions of the same and its committees against obstructions and disturbances and the penalties provided for the violation of said laws shall be applicable to the Convention and to its sessions and those of its committees.

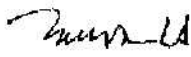
SECTION 6. The Senate and the House of Representatives shall place at the disposal of the Convention such personnel, premises, and furniture thereof as can, in their judgment, be spared without detriment to the public service, without cost, refund or additional pay.

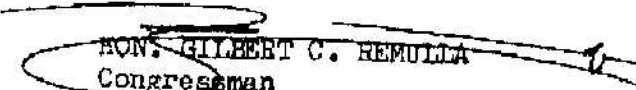
SECTION 7. The amendments to, or revision of, proposed by the Convention shall be valid and considered part of the Constitution when approved by a majority of the votes cast in an election at which they are submitted to the people for their ratification pursuant to Article XVII of the Constitution.

Adopted, \_\_\_\_\_.

  
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Congressman  
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Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**THIRTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3824

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Introduced by Representative Faysah RPM Dumarpa

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**AN ACT**  
**CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO STUDY AND**  
**APPROVE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISIONS OF, THE 1987**  
**CONSTITUTION, PROVIDING FOR PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION**  
**THEREIN AND OTHER DETAILS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF THE**  
**CONVENTION, SETTING THE DATE OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES,**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. Title - This law shall be known and cited as "The Constitutional Convention Act".

Section 2. Composition - The Constitutional Convention shall be composed of Two Hundred Four (204) delegates, each of whom shall be elected by legislative district.

Section 3. Qualification - Delegates shall have the same qualifications, as those required of Members of the House of Representatives.

Section 4. Disqualification - The following are disqualified from being delegates of the convention :

- 1) Any public official unless he resigns or files a leave of absence from his office upon filing of his certificate of candidacy; or
- 2) Any person convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, unless granted absolute pardon or amnesty.

Section 5. Election of Delegates - The election of delegates to the Convention by the qualified electors of each district shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of May 2006. The Commission on Elections shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the conduct of such election, taking into consideration the need to reduce the minimum expenses on the part of the candidates and of the government and the non-partisan nature of the Convention.

Section 6. Ban on Political Parties - All political parties, or a coalition or alliance of such, their officers and members are prohibited from nominating, fielding, endorsing, supporting, directly or indirectly, material or otherwise, or campaigning for or against any candidate. No candidate shall represent or allow himself to be represented as being a candidate of any political party or any political coalition or group in which a political party is a member or a convener thereof.

Section 7. Declaration of Intent and Disclosure of Assets and Liabilities. - In addition to documentary requirements that the Commission on Elections may require of a candidate upon the filing of his certificate of candidacy, the candidate shall also submit :

- 1) A concise statement, not exceeding one hundred and fifty words, of the principal constitutional reforms, programs or policies he proposes to advocate if elected; and
- 2) A sworn statement of assets and liabilities, financial and business interest, including those of his spouse and children, and other relatives within the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) degree of consanguinity or affinity.

A copy of each statement shall be conspicuously posted in each polling place in the district.

Section 8. Oath of Affirmation - Delegates to the Convention shall qualify and assume office by taking the following oath or affirmation :

" I solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and conscientiously fulfill my duties as delegate to the 2006 Constitutional Convention by drafting proposed amendments to, or revision of, the fundamental law of which are fully reflective of the ideas and aspirations of the Filipino people, endeavor to complete the work within the period provided by law, not to run for any office in the first local and the first national elections to be held after the ratification of the amendments that the convention will propose; and I will preserve and defend the Constitution of the Republic. So help me God."

Section 9. Who May Convene -

- (1) The Chairman of the Commission on Elections, assisted by the Secretaries General of the Senate and the House of Representatives, shall take charge of all arrangements for the convening of the Constitutional Convention;
- (2) The opening session of the convention shall be held in the session hall of the House of Representatives on June 30, 2006 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning;
- (3) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly preside at its opening session until a presiding officer is elected by the Convention from the delegates. The election of a

chairman and presiding officer from among the delegates shall be the first order of business. The Convention shall be deemed organized upon the election and qualification of a chairman and presiding officer. The Convention shall choose such other officers, as it may deem necessary.

Section 10. Rules and Quorum -

- (1) A majority of all delegates shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may meet, adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent delegates in such manner and under such penalties as the convention may provide.
- (2) The Convention may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish delegates for disorderly behavior, and with the concurrence of two-thirds of all delegates suspend or expel a delegate. A penalty of suspension shall not exceed sixty (60) days.
- (3) The plenary sessions of the Convention, including the meetings of its committee, shall be public and duly recorded. It may hold its session in any place in the Philippines.
- (4) The Convention shall keep a Journal of its proceedings and from time to time publish the same. The public shall have full access to the records of proceedings of the Convention.

Section 11. Approval of Proposed Constitutional Amendments or Revisions. - The final approval of any proposed amendments to, or revision, of the Constitution shall require a majority vote of all the delegates to the Convention.

Section 12. Administrative and Technical Assistance. - All government entities, agencies and instrumentalities, including the Senate and the House of Representatives, shall place at the disposal of the convention such personnel, premises, supplies and furniture thereof which can, in their judgment, be spared without detriment to the public services, without cost, refund or additional pay.

Section 13. Parliamentary Immunities. - Laws relative to parliamentary immunity of Members of Congress shall be applicable to the delegates of the convention.

Section 14. Compensation. -

- (1) Each member shall receive a per diem of One Thousand Pesos (1,000) for every day attendance in the plenary session of the convention or any of the meetings of the committees or sub-committees and to necessary traveling expenses to and from his residence when attending the session of the Convention or of its Committees.
- (2) The Convention may determine the amount for the office and staff expenses of its members, subject to pertinent government personnel compensation and audit laws.

Section 15. Completion. - The Convention shall complete its work in one hundred twenty (120) session days, and thereafter present to the President the proposed amendments to, or revisions of, the Constitution.

Section 16. Ratification. - The President shall fix the date of the plebiscite for the ratification or rejection of the proposed amendments to, or revisions of, the Constitution

which will be held not earlier than sixty (60) days nor later than ninety (90) days following its submission to the President.

The proposed amendments to, revisions of, the Constitution shall become valid and active upon ratification by a majority of the votes cast in such plebiscite.

Section 17. Funding. - The sum of Three Hundred Million Pesos (300,000,000) which shall be taken from the Contingency Fund in the General Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 2005 is hereby set aside and made available for the operations of the Convention.

Section 18. Approval. - This Act shall take effect 15 days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.

2:10 PM  
Ephraim

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1464**

Introduced by Reps. SATUR C. OCAMPO, TEODORO A. CASIÑO, JOEL G. VIRADOR,  
LIZA L. MAZA, CRISPIN B. BELTRAN, RAFAEL V. MARIANO

**A RESOLUTION  
OPPOSING ANY AND ALL MOVES, INCLUDING THE CONVENING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL  
CONVENTION, TO AMEND OR REVISE THE CONSTITUTION UNDER THE ARROYO  
ADMINISTRATION**

**WHEREAS**, contrary to the pronouncements of charter change proponents that a growing number of Filipinos are clamoring for changes in the Constitution, recent surveys conducted by respectable firms show that an overwhelming majority of the people do not favor charter change at this juncture of our nation's history;

**WHEREAS**, most Filipinos believe that changing the Constitution today by whatever means would not benefit them and the country but will, in fact, consolidate and perpetuate the reins of political and economic power in the hands of the ruling elite and foreign vested interests by removing the constitutionally-imposed term limits of elected officials, safeguards against Martial Law and human rights abuses, and the protectionist provisions on national sovereignty, economy and patrimony;

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court, in invalidating the so-called People's Initiative spearheaded by the Arroyo-supported groups Sigaw ng Bayan and the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP), declared that *"an initiative that gathers signatures from the people without first showing to the people the full text of the proposed amendments is most likely a deception, and can operate as a gigantic fraud on the people"*;

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino people themselves have expressed their collective outrage over the railroading by Arroyo allies in the House of the approval of House Resolution No. 197 (originally House Resolution No. 1450) which provides for a "constituent assembly" minus the Senate;

**WHEREAS**, stunned by the people's strong resistance to their brazenly unconstitutional act, the House Majority has backtracked from the "constituent assembly" thrust and now hurriedly pushes for a Constitutional Convention;

**WHEREAS**, the relentless move of the administration to push for charter change forms part of its effort to divert the people's attention and cover-up the President's alleged crimes of election cheating, political killings, stealing, and lying, and aims to vest the President with additional powers;

**WHEREAS**, there are reasons to believe that these efforts to rush the convening of a Constitutional Convention will again lead to transgressions on the Constitution and House Rules, particularly the right of the people to participate in public hearings as what happened in the "constituent assembly" thrust;

**WHEREAS**, the election of delegates for the Constitutional Convention simultaneous with the national and local elections will most likely be influenced by the ruling elite through the fielding of candidates who will readily kowtow to their selfish interests;

**WHEREAS**, the faults of the electoral process that enabled massive cheating by the Arroyo administration has remained intact, hence candidates who are handpicked by the incumbent administration will most likely win as delegates to the Constitutional Convention who, in turn, will expectedly ensure the interests of their patrons;

**WHEREAS**, the estimated eight to ten billion pesos to be spent on the Constitutional Convention would be better allocated to relief and rehabilitation efforts in the various typhoon and disaster-stricken areas of the country and other much-needed social services;

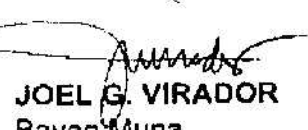
**WHEREAS**, the Arroyo administration and the House majority should truly heed the clamor of the Filipino people to abandon all its moves to change the Constitution at this time of political turmoil;

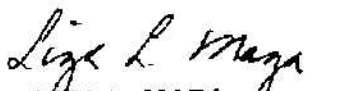
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that any and all moves, including the convening of a Constitutional Convention, to amend or revise the Constitution under the Arroyo administration be opposed.

Adopted.

  
**SATUR C. OCAMPO**  
Bayan Muna

  
**TEODORO A. CASINO**  
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