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**RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES NO. 3**

**Introduced by Representative Richard I. Gomez, DPA**

**RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES  
PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFIC ECONOMIC PROVISIONS OF THE  
1987 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES PARTICULARLY  
ON ARTICLES XII, XIV & XVI**

*WHEREAS*, the Constitution has provided mechanisms for its amendment in order to keep abreast with the current needs of the Filipino people;

*WHEREAS*, it is the policy of the State to ensure prosperity, advocate the common good and freedom from poverty;

*WHEREAS*, substantial global economic developments have occurred in the past thirty-eight (38) years since the Constitution was ratified;

*WHEREAS*, the mandate given to current leaders who advocate for changes signifies renewed trust in the government and immense optimism in its ability and commitment to bring about improvement in the quality of life of Filipinos;

*WHEREAS*, the trust reposed by the people upon the country's leaders has encouraged more investments and it is helping the country maintain its pace as one of the fastest growing economies in Asia, with the World Bank estimating the country's growth at 5.8% in 2024 and 5.9% in 2025;

*WHEREAS*, in order to fully transform this economic growth into inclusive and solidary progress among Filipinos, the restrictive economic provisions in the Philippine Constitutions which hampers the flow of the foreign capital investments must be lifted; Now therefore, be it

***RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES***, to constitute the Senate and the House of Representatives into a Constituent Assembly, and by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of all its members, each House voting separately, and pursuant to Article XVII of the Constitution, to propose amendments to Articles XII, XIV and VI of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, with the following proposals:

1. In paragraph 1, Section 2 of Article XII (National Patrimony and Economy), insert the phrase ***unless otherwise provided by law*** after the fourth sentence and add a comma before the phrase, to read as follows:

“SECTION 2. All lands of the public domain, waters, minerals, coal, petroleum, and other mineral oils, all forces of potential energy, fisheries, forests or timber, wildlife, flora and fauna, and other natural resources are owned by the State. With the exception of agricultural lands, all other natural resources shall not be alienated. The exploration, development, and utilization of natural resources shall be under the full control and supervision of the State. The State may directly undertake such activities, or it may enter into co-production, joint venture, or production-sharing agreements with Filipino citizens, or corporations or associations at least sixty per centum of whose capital is owned by such citizens, **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW**. Such agreements may be for a period not exceeding twenty-five years, renewable for not more than twenty-five years, and under such terms and conditions as may be provided by law. In cases of water rights for irrigation, water supply, fisheries, or industrial uses other than the development of water power, beneficial use may be the measure and limit of the grant.”

2. In paragraph 1, Section 3 of Article XII (National Patrimony and Economy), insert the phrase ***unless otherwise provided by law*** after the fourth sentence and add a comma before the phrase, 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 may not hold such alienable lands of the public domain except by lease, for a period not exceeding twenty-five years, renewable for not more than twenty-five years, and not to exceed one thousand hectares in area, **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW**. Citizens of the Philippines may lease not more than five hundred hectares, or acquire not more than twelve hectares thereof by purchase, homestead, or grant.”

3. In paragraph 1, Section 10 of Article XII (National Patrimony and Economy), insert the phrase ***unless otherwise provided by law*** after the first sentence and add a comma before the phrase, to read as follows:

“SECTION 10. The Congress shall, upon recommendation of the economic and planning agency, when the national interest dictates, reserve to citizens of the Philippines or to corporations or associations at least sixty per centum of whose capital is owned by such citizens, or such higher percentage as Congress may prescribe, certain areas of investments, **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW**. The Congress shall enact measures that will encourage the formation and operation of enterprises whose capital is wholly owned by Filipinos.”

4. In Section 11 of Article XII (National Patrimony and Economy), insert the phrase ***unless otherwise provided by law*** between the word “citizens” and the symbol “;” in the first sentence and add a comma before the said phrase; also, insert the phrase ***unless otherwise provided by law*** before the last sentence thereof, 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 capital is owned by such citizens, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW; nor shall such franchise, certificate, or authorization be exclusive in character or for a longer period than 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. UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, ₴ the participation of foreign investors in the governing body of any public utility enterprise shall be limited to their proportionate share in its capital, and all the executive and managing officers of such corporation or association must be citizens of the Philippines.”

5. In paragraph 1, no.2, Section 4 of Article XVI (Education, Science and Technology, Arts, Culture, and Sports), insert the phrase ***unless otherwise provided by law*** at the end of the first sentence and insert a comma before the phrase. In paragraph 2, no. 2, add the phrase ***unless otherwise provided by law*** at the end of the sentence thereof and insert a comma before the phrase, to read as follows:

“SECTION 4.

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(2) Educational institutions, other than those established by religious groups and mission boards, shall be owned solely by citizens of the Philippines or corporations or associations at least sixty per centum of the capital of which is owned by such citizens, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW. The Congress may, however, require increased Filipino equity participation in all educational institutions.

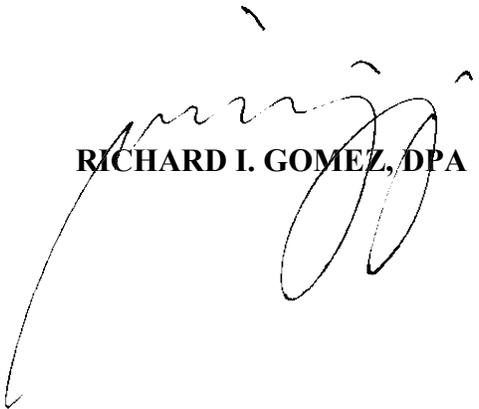
The control and administration of educational institutions shall be vested in citizens of the Philippines, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.”

6. In paragraph 1, no. 1, Section 11 of Article XVI (General Provisions), add the phrase ***unless otherwise provided by law*** after the sentence and insert a comma before the phrase. Thereafter, insert the phrase ***unless otherwise provided by law*** before the last sentence thereof, to read as follows:

“SECTION 11.

- (1) The ownership and management of mass media shall be limited to citizens of the Philippines, or to corporations, cooperatives or associations, wholly-owned and managed by such citizens, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.  
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Adopted,



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