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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES No. 5



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**Introduced by HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING**

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**A RESOLUTION  
OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO  
CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THE 1987 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
THE PHILIPPINES SPECIFICALLY ON ARTICLES VII THEREOF**

WHEREAS, the Constitution has provided mechanisms for its revision or amendment to meet new challenges and conform to the needs of the society;

WHEREAS, the separate election between the President and the Vice-President has caused severe tensions between presidents and vice presidents, who often had very different ideas;

WHEREAS, running together as a team for President and Vice president is a way of enhancing national unity;

WHEREAS, a joint ticket shall facilitate a common expression of policy agendas;

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives, upon a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of all its Members, with each House voting separately, to propose amendments to Article VII of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, with the following proposals:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Article VII (Executive Department), is amended to read as follows:

The President and the Vice-president shall be voted for as a team as defined hereunder. They shall be elected by the qualified voters residing in the Republic or working or residing in foreign countries pursuant to the Rules provided hereunder and pertinent legislation

A) Rules Governing Presidential and Vice-Presidential Election.

Rule No. 1. The vote for a presidential candidate shall automatically be counted as a vote for his or her vice-presidential candidate if the latter belongs to the same party, or coalition of parties as the former does. The rule applies even if the ballot does not contain a vote for a vice presidential candidate.

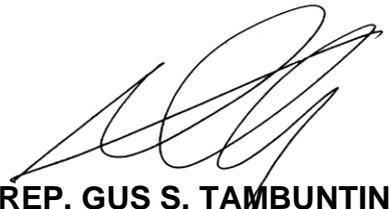
Rule No. 2. A vote for a vice presidential candidate in a ballot that does not contain a vote for a presidential candidate shall be counted automatically as a vote for the presidential candidate who is officially the running mate of the vice-presidential candidate concerned.

Rule No. 3. In the event that the ballot contains votes for a presidential candidate and a vice presidential candidate who is not the teammate of the former but belongs to another political party or coalition, the vote shall be counted only in favor of the presidential candidate.

Until Congress shall provide otherwise, existing legislation shall govern the other aspects of the casting, appreciation, and counting of the votes of presidential and vice- presidential candidates except as modified in the Section.

The returns of every election for President and Vice-president as provided for, under Section 4, Article VII shall be duly certified by the board of canvassers of each State and transmitted to the Congress, directed to the President of the Senate.

Adopted,



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