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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Information Technology is commonly used as a synonym for computers and computer networks, Wikipedia defines it as the application of computers and telecommunications equipment to store, retrieve, transmit and manipulate data. Simultaneous access by many users has made business processes productive and has increased efficiency in most transactions. The speed by which these data are stored, retrieved and transmitted has revitalized efficiency and productivity to a whole different level.

The advantages of a fully automated public service transaction, we believe, shall save time and transportation cost, limit bureaucratic red tape and curb corruption, as well as allow for government transparency and maximize efficiency and productivity of public functions, Some LGU's have already established far more advanced system of information technology in their locality and by this humble legislation, we wish that other LGUs shall likewise share in the benefits that automation has brought to the pioneering local units. Hence, support for this endeavor is earnestly sought

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

1   SECTION 1. **Declaration of Policy** - It is hereby declared to be the
2 policy of the State to recognize the vital role of communication and
3 information in nation-building. Towards this end, the automation of
4 information and transactions in all municipality, city and province ' shall
5 be organized and made accessible through a database management
6 system to increase productivity and efficiency in public service.

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8   SEC. 2. **Information Technology Office** - There shall be established an
9 Information Technology Office in every municipality, city and province throughout
10 the country which shall have the following objectives:

    a. To provide for the automation and system of electronic data
        storage for all information and transactions relating to local
        business processes and other matters of public concern;

    b. To provide on-time accomplishment reports of all departments,
        local advisories and participatory initiatives for local programs;

    c. To expedite the processing of all local transactions;

    d. To provide for a technology that will offer online payments for
        all local taxes, fees and other assessments;

1   e. To be equipped with accurate computation of payments;

2   f. To provide for transparency and the effective monitoring of all
3   information and transactions within the locality concerned;

4   g. To provide for consistent accessibility of organized information
5   to the general public as well as provide a venue for
6   communication with constituents;

7   h. To provide a productive tool to increase efficiency in local
8   government service;

9   i. To equip local government units with a constantly evolving
10   technology that will be at par with global standards.

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12   SEC. 3. **Budget and Implementation** - The amount necessary
13 for the operation and maintenance of the Information Technology Office
14 in every municipality, city and province shall be charged to the local
15 funds. The LGU concerned, shall, immediately include in its annual
16 budget the amount to be defrayed, and, consistent with its allowable
17 budgetary allocation may seek the technological support of the
18 Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in the establishment of
19 the IT Office.

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21   SEC. 4. **Separability Clause.** - If any portion or provision of this
22 Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity
23 and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

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25   SEC. 5. **Repealing Clause.** - All laws, rules and regulations,
26 other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act,
27 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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29   SEC. 6. **Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
30 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* and/or any newspaper of general
31 circulation.

Approved,