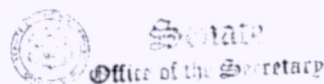


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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.

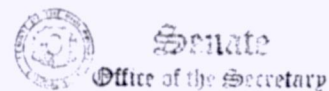
The advantages of a fully automated public service transaction, we believe, shall save time and transportation cost, limit bureaucratic red tape and curb corruption, as well as allow for government transparency and maximize efficiency and productivity of public functions. Some LGUs have already established 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 SEC. 1. **Declaration of Policy** - It is hereby declared to be the policy of
2 the State to recognize the vital role of communication and information in nation-
3 building. Towards this end, the automation of information and transactions in all
4 municipality, city and province shall be organized and made accessible through a
5 database management system to increase productivity and efficiency in public
6 service.

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

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

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

15 c.To expedite the processing of all local transactions;

- 1 d.To provide for a technology that will offer online payments for all local
2 taxes, fees and other assessments;
- 3 e.To be equipped with accurate computation of payments;
- 4 f.To provide for transparency and the effective monitoring of all
5 information and transactions within the locality concerned;
- 6 g.To provide for consistent accessibility of organized information to the
7 general public as well as provide a venue for communication with
8 constituents;
- 9 h.To provide a productive tool to increase efficiency in local government
10 service;
- 11 i.To equip local government units with a constantly evolving technology
12 that will be at par with global standards.

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

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

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

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

Approved,