

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila

First Regular Session

Eleventh Congress

Began and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the Twenty-Seventh of July, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Eight.

[Republic Act. No. 8745]

AN ACT
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM
JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Section 1. Appropriation of Funds. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury of the Philippines not otherwise appropriated, for the operation of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines from January one to December thirty-one, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, except where otherwise specifically provided herein:

I. CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

A. SENATE

For general administration and support, and operations, including locally-funded project, as indicated hereunder.... P 900,302,000

New Appropriations, by Program/Project

Current Operating Expenditures

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
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A. PROGRAMS

I. General Administration and Support

a. General Administration and Support Services

P 262,585,000 P 206,610,000 P 5,458,000 P 474,653,000

b. Productivity Incentive Benefits

4,160,000 4,160,000

Sub-Total, General Administration and Support

266,745,000 206,610,000 5,458,000 478,813,000

II. Operations

a. Legislative Services

271,528,000 129,961,000 401,489,000

Sub-Total, Operations

271,528,000 129,961,000 401,489,000

Total, Programs

538,273,000 336,571,000 5,458,000 880,302,000

B. PROJECT(S)

I. Locally-Funded Project(s)

a. Operational Requirements for the Congressional Oversight Committee on Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization

6,200,000 12,800,000 1,000,000 20,000,000

Sub-Total, Locally-Funded Project(s)

6,200,000 12,800,000 1,000,000 20,000,000

Total, Projects

6,200,000 12,800,000 1,000,000 20,000,000

TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS

P 544,473,000 P 349,371,000 P 6,458,000 P 900,302,000

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
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I. General Administration and Support

a. General Administration and Support Services

P 262,585,000 P 206,610,000 P 5,458,000 P 474,653,000

1. General Management and Supervision

262,585,000 206,610,000 5,458,000 474,653,000

b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	4,160,000			4,160,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	266,745,000	206,610,000	5,458,000	478,813,000
II. Operations				
a. Legislative Services	271,528,000	129,961,000		401,489,000
Sub-Total, Operations	271,528,000	129,961,000		401,489,000
TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	P 538,273,000	P 336,571,000	P 5,458,000	P 880,302,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

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(In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

Salaries of Permanent Positions	335,898
Contractual, Casual and Emergency Personnel	7,912
Total Salaries/Wages	343,810

Other Compensation

Terminal Leave Benefits	10,751
PAG-IBIG Contributions	2,496
Medicare Premiums	936
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)	749
Representation and Transportation Allowances	5,601
Honoraria	1,761
Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift	38,392
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	12,480
Additional P500 Allowance	12,480
Clothing/Uniform Allowance	6,240
Productivity Incentive Benefits	4,160
Others	104,617

Total Other Compensation	200,663
01 Total Personal Services	544,473

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

02 Travelling Expenses	46,178
03 Communication Services	12,807
04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities	675
05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles	580
06 Transportation Services	106
07 Supplies and Materials	21,582
08 Rents	121,905
14 Water, Illumination and Power Services	14,043
15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims	2,000
17 Training and Seminar Expenses	1,274
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	21,228

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20 Anti-Insurgency/Contingency/Emergency Expenses	1,304
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	1,546
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	1,564
27 Library Books and Materials	816
29 Other Services	101,763
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	349,371
Total Current Operating Expenditures	893,844
Capital Outlays	
35 Buildings and Structures Outlay	100
36 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Books Outlay	6,358
Total Capital Outlays	6,458
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	900,302

A.1 SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

For general administration and support, and operations, as indicated hereunder.....P 56,546,000

New Appropriations, by Program/Project

	<u>Current Operating Expenditures</u>			
	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. PROGRAMS				
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 11,316,000	P 4,668,000	P	P 15,984,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	342,000			342,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	11,658,000	4,668,000		16,326,000
II. Operations				
a. For Adjudication of Electoral Contests Involving Members of the Senate, including administrative support	22,351,000	17,611,000	258,000	40,220,000
Sub-Total, Operations	22,351,000	17,611,000	258,000	40,220,000
Total, Programs	34,009,000	22,279,000	258,000	56,546,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 34,009,000	P 22,279,000	P 258,000	P 56,546,000

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

	<u>Current Operating Expenditures</u>			
	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 11,316,000	P 4,668,000	P	P 15,984,000

1. General Management and Supervision	11,316,000	4,668,000		15,984,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	342,000			342,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	11,658,000	4,668,000		16,326,000
II. Operations				
a. For Adjudication of Electoral Contests Involving Members of the Senate, including administrative support	22,351,000	17,611,000	258,000	40,220,000
Sub-Total, Operations	22,351,000	17,611,000	258,000	40,220,000
TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	P 34,009,000	P 22,279,000	P 258,000	P 56,546,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures
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 (In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

Salaries of Permanent Positions	25,775
Contractual, Casual and Emergency Personnel	300
Total Salaries/Wages	26,075

Other Compensation

Terminal Leave Benefits	250
PAG-IBIG Contributions	205
Medicare Premiums	77
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)	62
Representation and Transportation Allowances	1,070
Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift	3,003
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	1,026
Additional P500 Allowance	1,026
Clothing/Uniform Allowance	513
Productivity Incentive Benefits	342
Others	360

Total Other Compensation 7,934

01 Total Personal Services 34,009

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

02 Travelling Expenses	800
03 Communication Services	805
04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities	200
05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles	200
06 Transportation Services	300
07 Supplies and Materials	1,000
08 Rents	3,000
14 Water, Illumination and Power Services	1,700

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15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims	100
17 Training and Seminar Expenses	115
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	2,012
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	300
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	200
29 Other Services	11,547
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	22,279
Total Current Operating Expenditures	56,288
Capital Outlays	
36 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Books Outlay	258
Total Capital Outlays	258
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	56,546

B. COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

For general administration and support, and operations, as indicated hereunder.....P 150,052,000

New Appropriations, by Program/Project

Current Operating Expenditures

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. PROGRAMS				
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 43,123,000 P	41,432,000 P	100,000 P	84,655,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	540,000			540,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	43,663,000	41,432,000	100,000	85,195,000
II. Operations				
a. Review or Confirmation of Appointments Submitted to the Commission	32,657,000	32,200,000		64,857,000
Sub-Total, Operations	32,657,000	32,200,000		64,857,000
Total, Programs	76,320,000	73,632,000	100,000	150,052,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 76,320,000 P	73,632,000 P	100,000 P	150,052,000

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 43,123,000 P	41,432,000 P	100,000 P	84,655,000

1. General Management and Supervision	43,123,000	41,432,000	100,000	84,655,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	540,000			540,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	43,663,000	41,432,000	100,000	85,195,000
II. Operations				
a. Review or Confirmation of Appointments Submitted to the Commission	32,657,000	32,200,000		64,857,000
Sub-Total, Operations	32,657,000	32,200,000		64,857,000
TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	P 76,320,000	P 73,632,000	100,000 P	150,052,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

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(In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

Salaries of Permanent Positions	46,449
Contractual, Casual and Emergency Personnel	1,621
Total Salaries/Wages	48,070

Other Compensation

Terminal Leave Benefits	6,813
PAG-IBIG Contributions	324
Medicare Premiums	122
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)	97
Representation and Transportation Allowances	3,931
Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift	5,221
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	1,620
Additional P500 Allowance	1,620
Clothing/Uniform Allowance	810
Productivity Incentive Benefits	540
Others	7,152

Total Other Compensation

28,250

01 Total Personal Services

76,320

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

02 Travelling Expenses	1,648
03 Communication Services	1,783
04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities	26
05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles	334
06 Transportation Services	1
07 Supplies and Materials	3,141
08 Rents	11,037
14 Water, Illumination and Power Services	30
15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims	2,583

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17 Training and Seminar Expenses	1,000
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	492
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	300
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	149
29 Other Services	51,108
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	73,632
Total Current Operating Expenditures	149,952
Capital Outlays	
36 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Books Outlay	100
Total Capital Outlays	100
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	150,052

C. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

For general administration and support, and operations, as indicated hereunder..... P 1,827,486,000

New Appropriations, by Program/Project

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Current Operating Expenditures

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. PROGRAMS				
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 214,035,000	P 406,021,000	P 10,000,000	P 630,056,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	6,592,000			6,592,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	220,627,000	406,021,000	10,000,000	636,648,000
II. Operations				
a. Legislative Services	925,441,000	265,397,000		1,190,838,000
Sub-Total, Operations	925,441,000	265,397,000		1,190,838,000
Total, Programs	1,146,068,000	671,418,000	10,000,000	1,827,486,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 1,146,068,000	P 671,418,000	P 10,000,000	P 1,827,486,000

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 214,035,000	P 406,021,000	P 10,000,000	P 630,056,000

1. General Management and Supervision	214,035,000	406,021,000	10,000,000	630,056,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	6,592,000			6,592,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	220,627,000	406,021,000 P	10,000,000	636,648,000
II. Operations				
a. Legislative Services	925,441,000	265,397,000		1,190,838,000
Sub-Total, Operations	925,441,000	265,397,000		1,190,838,000
TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	P 1,146,068,000 P	671,418,000 P	10,000,000 P	1,827,486,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

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(In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

Salaries of Permanent Positions	544,174
Contractual, Casual and Emergency Personnel	204,884

Total Salaries/Wages 749,058

Other Compensation

Terminal Leave Benefits	83,103
PAG-IBIG Contributions	3,955
Medicare Premiums	1,483
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)	1,187
Representation and Transportation Allowances	4,524
Honoraria	2,806
Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift	61,828
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	19,776
Additional P500 Allowance	19,776
Clothing/Uniform Allowance	9,792
Productivity Incentive Benefits	6,592
Others	182,188

Total Other Compensation 397,010

01 Total Personal Services 1,146,068

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

02 Travelling Expenses	165,070
03 Communication Services	31,754
04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities	15,041
05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles	1,679
06 Transportation Services	328
07 Supplies and Materials	74,563
10 Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2,437
14 Water, Illumination and Power Services	34,525
15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims	1,950

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17 Training and Seminar Expenses	6,380
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	27,445
20 Anti-Insurgency/Contingency/Emergency Expenses	4,400
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	6,101
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	2,057
29 Other Services	297,688
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	671,418
Total Current Operating Expenditures	1,817,486
Capital Outlays	
36 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Books Outlay	10,000
Total Capital Outlays	10,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	1,827,486

C.1 HOUSE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

For general administration and support, and operations, as indicated hereunder..... P 65,413,000

New Appropriations, by Program/Project

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		<u>Current Operating Expenditures</u>			
		<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. PROGRAMS					
I. General Administration and Support					
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 12,691,000 P	5,108,000 P		P 17,799,000	
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	386,000			386,000	
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	13,077,000	5,108,000		18,185,000	
II. Operations					
a. Adjudication of Electoral Contests involving Members of the House of Representatives	24,456,000	22,494,000	278,000	47,228,000	
Sub-Total, Operations	24,456,000	22,494,000	278,000	47,228,000	
Total, Programs	37,533,000	27,602,000	278,000	65,413,000	
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 37,533,000 P	27,602,000 P	278,000 P	65,413,000	

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

		<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
I. General Administration and Support					
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 12,691,000 P	5,108,000 P		P 17,799,000	

1. General Management and Supervision	12,691,000	5,108,000		17,799,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	386,000			386,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	13,077,000	5,108,000		18,185,000
II. Operations				
a. Adjudication of Electoral Contests involving Members of the House of Representatives	24,456,000	22,494,000	278,000	47,228,000
Sub-Total, Operations	24,456,000	22,494,000	278,000	47,228,000
TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	P 37,533,000	P 27,602,000	P 278,000	P 65,413,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures
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 (In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

Salaries of Permanent Positions

27,806

Total Salaries/Wages

27,806

Other Compensation

Terminal Leave Benefits

126

Per Diems

888

PAG-IBIG Contributions

232

Medicare Premiums

87

Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)

70

Representation and Transportation Allowances

1,261

Honoraria

500

Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift

3,282

Personnel Economic Relief Allowance

1,158

Additional P500 Allowance

1,158

Clothing/Uniform Allowance

579

Productivity Incentive Benefits

386

Total Other Compensation

9,727

01 Total Personal Services

37,533

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

02 Travelling Expenses

689

03 Communication Services

500

04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities

200

05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles

200

06 Transportation Services

300

07 Supplies and Materials

2,728

08 Rents

3,000

14 Water, Illumination and Power Services

1,066

15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims

700

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17 Training and Seminar Expenses	150
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	166
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	150
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	500
29 Other Services	17,253
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	27,602
Total Current Operating Expenditures	65,135
Capital Outlays	
36 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Books Outlay	278
Total Capital Outlays	278
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	65,413

Special Provisions Applicable to the Congress of the Philippines

1. **Augmentation of Any Item in the Appropriations of the Congress of the Philippines.** Pursuant to Section 25(5) of Article VI of the Constitution, the President of the Senate, with respect to the Senate and the Commission on Appointments, the Speaker, with respect to the House of Representatives and the Chairmen of the Senate and the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunals, are hereby authorized to augment any item in the general appropriations law for their respective offices from savings in other items of their respective appropriations.

2. **Organizational Structure of the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Senate and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunals and the Commission on Appointments.** Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding and within the limits of the appropriation authorized in this Act, the President of the Senate, with respect to the Senate and the Commission on Appointments, the Speaker, with respect to the House of Representatives and the Chairmen of the Senate and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunals, are authorized to formulate and implement the organizational structures of their respective offices, to fix and determine the salaries, allowances and other benefits of their respective members, employees and consultants, subject to Section 10, Article VI of the Constitution, and whenever public interest so requires, make adjustments and reorganization of positions in the regular personnel with the corresponding transfer of items of appropriations or create new ones in their respective offices: PROVIDED, That officers and employees whose positions are affected by such adjustments or reorganization shall be granted retirement gratuities and separation pay in accordance with existing laws, which shall be payable from any unexpended balance of, or savings in the appropriations of their respective offices.

3. **Release of Appropriations.** Appropriations authorized for the Congress shall be automatically and regularly released to the Senate or House of Representatives, or the Senate and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunals and the Commission on Appointments, as the case may be.

4. **Realignment of Allocation for Operational Expenses.** A member of Congress may realign his allocation for operational expenses to any other expense category provided the total of said allocation is not exceeded.

GENERAL SUMMARY
CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Current Operating Expenditures

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Senate	P 544,473,000	P 349,371,000	P 6,458,000	P 900,302,000
A.1 Senate Electoral Tribunal	34,009,000	22,279,000	258,000	56,546,000
B. Commission on Appointments	76,320,000	73,632,000	100,000	150,052,000
C. House of Representatives	1,146,068,000	671,418,000	10,000,000	1,827,486,000
C.1 House Electoral Tribunal	37,533,000	27,602,000	278,000	65,413,000
Total New Appropriations, Congress of the Philippines	P 1,838,403,000	P 1,144,302,000	P 17,094,000	P 2,999,799,000