

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Philippines

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The Author submits several proposed amendments to the 1935 Constitution and the reasons of such amendments. His proposed amendments to the 1935 Constitution are as follows: (a) restoring the provision for a single six-year term of the President without re-election, (b) changing in the manner by which the Senate is composed (i.e., number of Senators and a Senator to represent a district), (c) making the Vice President the Presiding Officer of the Senate, (d) creating an independent electoral tribunal, (e) vesting in the Supreme Court administrative supervision over the lower courts and creating criminal and civil divisions, (f), revising the concept of double jeopardy by permitting an appeal from a judgment of acquittal, (g) allowing legislative investigation of the armed forces and the General Auditing Office, (h) amendments regarding the emergency powers and power of pardon of the President, and (i) amendments to accommodate the Supreme Court ruling in *Krivenko v. Register of Deeds* and to clarify provisions regarding citizenship, *habeas corpus*, and the power of the President over local officials.