

Charter Change is amending some of the provisions of the Constitution.

What are the proposals in amending or revising the Constitution?

- The Congress, upon a vote of three-fourths of all its members
- A constitutional convention (Congress may, by a vote of 2/3 of all its members)
- People's initiative upon a petition of at least 12% of the total number of registered voters

What is next after the proposal?

Any amendment shall be valid when ratified by a majority of the votes cast in a plebiscite.

MAIN PROPOSITION OF CIA-CHA: "DO YOU APPROVE OF THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES VI AND VII OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, CHANGING THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT FROM THE PRESENT BICAMERAL-PRESIDENTIAL TO A UNICAMERAL-PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE GREATER EFFICIENCY, SIMPLICITY AND ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT; AND PROVIDING AN ARTICLE XVIII AS TRANSITORY PROVISIONS FOR THE ORDERLY SHIFT FROM ONE SYSTEM TO ANOTHER?"

	Presidential	Parliamentary
Who makes up the Executive Council?	Elected President, Cabinet nominated by the President and confirmed by the legislature	Prime Minister, PM and Cabinet elected by the majority party in the legislature. The Cabinet, or ministers are members in the legislature.
Can the legislature remove the executive and vice-versa?	Legislature cannot remove the President except under extreme conditions thru impeachment and the president cannot dissolve the legislature	The legislature dissolves the chief executive and cabinet through a vote of no confidence, forcing new parliamentary elections
Bodies involved in the legislative process?	Upper House, Senate; Lower House, Congress; Cabinet members; Committees; President can veto legislation which can be overridden by Congress	The parliament which is generally unicameral. Occasionally, bills referred to select committees for consultation.
Who initiates legislation?	Both houses. Executive can draft legislation but a member must introduce it	Executive and ministers who are members of parliament.

<p>The President can only be brought down through the legal process of impeachment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Removing an unsuitable president from office before his or her term has expired is divisive and very difficult.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Easier to change the head of government and the ruling party whenever it becomes necessary, by a vote of no confidence in the parliament.</li> <li>•No need for impeachment, people power revolts and military intervention that cause political instability, disrupt the economy, discourage foreign investors and hurt the people, especially the poor.</li> </ul>
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**Effectiveness**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•A Presidential system can often lead to an ineffective Executive, as the legislature can be dominated by the opposing party</li> <li>•When a President does not command a majority in the Legislature he finds it very difficult to carry out the program he was elected upon.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Parliamentary systems tend to be very effective for carrying out executive policy as there is no separation of powers, so this means the Government gains its position from the fact that it can command a majority in the Legislature</li> <li>•Most stable and progressive countries in the world have a parliamentary government. These include Japan, Canada, Australia, United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, Spain, Norway, Sweden, and also India, Singapore and Malaysia in Asia</li> </ul>
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**SAMPLE FORMAT OF THE FORM FOR PEOPLE'S INITIATIVE**

Province:	Municipality:	No. of Verified Signatures:	
Legislative District:	Barangay:		

PROPOSITION: Do you approve of the amendment of Art. VI and VII of the 1987 Constitution, changing the form of government from the present bi-cameral-presidential to a unicameral-parliamentary system of government, in order to achieve greater efficiency, simplicity and economy in government; and providing an Article XVIII as transitory provisions for the orderly shift from one system to another?"

Precinct Number	Name (Last Name, First Name, MI)	Address	Birthdate MM/DD/YY	Signature	Verification (/)

Barangay Official (PB)  
(Print name and sign)

Witness (Brgy. Sec)  
(Print name and sign)

Witness (Brgy. Kag)  
(Print name and sign)