NO less than the chairman of the Philippine Commission on Elections expressed his pique at the circus-like scene during the first day filing of candidacies for the 2013 midterm elections.

The rambunctious candidates and their exuberant followers may not have violated the law but what they did was unethical, said Comelec chief Sixto Brillantes.

“There are things not allowed by conscience and morals,” he blurted out in Filipino, perhaps to better convey his displeasure at the antics of politicos in general.

Their behavior leaves much to be desired, to say the least.

When they get elected, they carry over their zaniness to their respective offices.

Look at the clowns inhabiting Congress today.

Only in the Philippines can you have a candidate claiming to be “owner of the archipelago” or in years past, an elected congressman filing a bill “outlawing typhoons.”

Because of an ill-advised provision in the 1997 Constitution, we now have a proliferation of political parties, and a new political creation called party-list system.

The latter represents candidates from every conceivable way of life.

There’s a candidate from every sector: jeepney drivers, fishermen, security guards, gays and lesbians, and the handicapped.
We have no beef with these party-listers because they serve a particular cause.

But is this not what congressmen are supposed to be doing in the first place?

Which brings us to political dynasties: There’s a law banning them but it’s more honored in the breach than in the observance.

The dynasties are not going away, law or no law, not in the 2013 midterm elections, not in the 2016 presidential elections, or in any future election.

They are here to stay.

Chances of its happening are nil, but there’s a solution to this political hodgepodge: Restore the two-party system, specifically the old Liberal or Nacionalista parties.

After all, the two parties are still alive and well, in distilled form, with President Benigno Aquino III as the titular Liberal Party head while Sen. Manny Villar leads the Nacionalistas.

With elections now automated, let’s do away with the mystifying and annoying multi-parties.