



Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Manila

IN THE MATTER OF THE	ABALOS, Benjamin S.	Chairman
CONDUCT OF NON-BINDING	BORRA, Resurreccion Z.	Commissioner
SECURE INTERNET VOTING IN	TUASON, Jr., Florentino, A.	Commissioner
SINGAPORE AND THE	BRAWNER, Romeo A.	Commissioner
APPROPRIATION OF THE	SARMIENTO, Rene V.	Commissioner
NECESSARY BUDGET FOR THE	FERRER, Nicodemo T.	Commissioner
PURPOSE.		

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Promulgated : 06 March 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 7835

WHEREAS, after a thorough and diligent study by the Information and Technology Department (ITD) and the Committee on Overseas Absentee Voting (COAV), the Commission en Banc authorized the conduct of internet voting demonstration in Minute Resolution 06-1136 dated 27 October 2006;

WHEREAS, the Commission en Banc thereafter issued Minute Resolution 06-1268 dated 21 November 2006 which approved the recommendation of the Chairman of the COAV to adopt three (3) modes of voting in overseas absentee voting to include internet voting in six (6) countries;

WHEREAS, in the Minute Resolution 07-0095 dated 16 January 2007, the Commission en Banc approved and confirmed the conduct of internet voting in Singapore on a limited pilot basis. The same Minute Resolution allowed the defrayment of the necessary costs involved in the pilot-test in the amount of P 23, 500,000.00.

WHEREAS, after a thorough consideration of the issues involved in the project, the concerns raised by a few sectors and the eventual balancing act that the Commission has to perform in seeing to it that overseas absentee voters in Singapore will not be disenfranchised and that the whole electoral exercise thereat is not jeopardized, the Commission is now recommending the adoption of non-binding secure internet voting in Singapore to run parallel with voting by mail at the Post.

The mechanics of the project as formulated by the ITD is herein attached as **Annex A** to this Resolution and made an integral part hereof.

WHEREAS, since the Overseas Absentee Voting Law (OAVL) under Sections 16.1 and 18 thereof mandate the Commission to study the possibility of internet voting, the defrayment of costs for the implementation of the project is therefore allowed.

WHEREAS, the budget originally intended for the binding internet voting shall now be appropriated for non-binding internet voting.

NOW THEREFORE, and in view of the foregoing premises, the Commission **RESOLVED** as it hereby resolves to **APPROVE** the conduct of non-binding secure internet voting in Singapore and to **DEFRAY** the necessary expenses to be incurred to accomplish the same in the amount of P23, 500, 000.00

Let the Committee on Overseas Absentee Voting (COAV) and the Finance Services Department (FSD) implement this Resolution.

APPROVED this 6th day of March 2007.

SO ORDERED.

(SGD.) BENJAMIN S. ABALOS
Chairman

(SGD) RESURRECCION Z. BORRA
Commissioner

(SGD) FLORENTINO A. TUASON, JR.
Commissioner

(SGD) ROMEO A. BRAWNER
Commissioner

(SGD) RENE V. SARMIENTO
Commissioner

(SGD) NICODEMO T. FERRER
Commissioner