

Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Manila

**IN THE MATTER OF
EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF
REGISTRATION OF VOTERS
FOR THE OCTOBER 29, 2007
BARANGAY ELECTIONS**

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RESOLUTION NO. 8257

WHEREAS, the Commission in Section 3 of Resolution No. 8218, promulgated on July 6, 2007, had provided that the last day to file applications for registration for October 29, 2007 Barangay Elections was on July 22, 2007;

WHEREAS, there is a public clamor for extension of registration of new voters who failed to register for lack of ample time;

WHEREAS, the Commission in sincere efforts to carry out its constitutional and statutory mandate to effectively and efficiently conduct the registration of voters has decided to heed the public clamor for the purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections;

WHEREAS, Sec. 29 of Republic Act No. 6646 as reiterated in Sec. 28 of Republic Act No. 8436 provides:

“ Sec. 28. Designation of Other Dates for Certain Pre-election Acts. – If it shall no longer be reasonably possible to observe the periods and dates prescribed by law for certain pre-election acts, the Commission shall fix other periods and dates in order to ensure accomplishment of the activities so voters shall not be deprived of their suffrage.”

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines; the Omnibus Election Code and other election laws, **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to **extend the period of filing applications for registration of voters for the October 29, 2007 Barangay Elections and to promulgate** the following guidelines:

Section 1. Additional dates, time and place of filing of applications for registration. - The period of registration of voters for the October 29, 2007 Barangay Elections is extended from July 24 to 31, 2007. Accordingly, the same shall be conducted pursuant to the rules and regulations embodied in Resolution No. 8218.

For the purpose of extension of registration, field offices are authorized to render overtime hours of two (2) hours during weekdays and eight (8) hours during Saturdays and Sundays, from July 24 to August 12, 2007. This in

effect amends the overtime authority granted in Minute Resolution No. 07-1146 dated July 3, 2007.

Section 2. Applications without biometrics. - The application form of an applicant who fails to submit himself for the live capture of his biometrics data for cause/s attributable to his own fault shall be deemed incomplete and not filed. As such, the application shall be disapproved for failure to complete the requirements.

In the event that the allocated city/municipality DCM becomes defective or the biometrics data of the applicant cannot be captured within the registration period due to the great volume of applicants, absence of electricity/alternative power source and analogous cases, the Election Officer shall receive the application and inform the applicant when to return for data capture. The Election Officers and their Assistants are authorized to accomplish the data capture not later than August 12, 2007. If the biometrics data capture cannot be accomplished within the said period without fault on the part of the applicant, the application shall be considered for action of the Election Registration Board.

The Election Officers shall devise a scheme to accommodate both those new applicants and those returning for data capturing only.

The CVL technicians shall certify as to the fact of DCM malfunction to be confirmed by the Provincial Election Supervisors, who shall report the matter to the Information Technology Department.

Further, in cases where any of the DCM peripherals become defective, such that the registration procedures cannot be completed, the Provincial Election Supervisors (PESs) shall be allowed to make the necessary arrangements with the concerned Election Officers under his jurisdiction to devise a scheduling system for the sharing of the working DCM peripherals with nearby cities or municipalities until such time that the defective peripherals shall be replaced with working units. This sharing mechanism shall be limited to two cities and / or municipalities.

Section 3. Election Registration Board hearing. - All Election Registration Boards (ERB) shall hear all applications subject to the following schedule:

Last day to post Notice of Hearing	Last day to file opposition to applications	Hearing and Approval / Disapproval of applications
August 8, 2007	August 10, 2007	August 13, 14 and 15, 2007

Section 4. Submission of back-up files, Project of Precincts and Progress Reports. - The compact disc back-up file of document.mdb after the ERB hearing shall be submitted to the Information Technology Department on or before August 27, 2007.

The Project of Precincts for the October 29, 2007 Barangay Elections and other statistical reports shall be submitted by the Election Officers for consolidation of the Provincial Election Supervisors and to be submitted by the Regional Election Director personally **for the entire region** to the Election and

Barangay Affairs Department on or before August 27, 2007, without extension, in accordance with the hereto attached sample designated as **Annex "A"**. Failure on the part of the Election Officer/s to submit the said Project of Precinct shall be a ground for administrative sanction and withholding of benefits granted by the Commission together with the Provincial Election Supervisor, Assistant Regional Election Director and Regional Election Director under the rule on command responsibility.

Section 5. *Period of filing petitions for inclusions and exclusions of voters.* - Petitions for inclusions and exclusions of voters shall be filed in the proper Municipal and Metropolitan Trial Courts not later than August 20, 2007.

Section 6. *Applicability of other resolutions of the Commission.* - *The other* resolutions of the Commission including Res. No. 8218, insofar as applicable and when not inconsistent herewith, shall apply in the registration of Barangay voters. In case of shortage of forms, the Election Officers are authorized to reproduce copies in accordance with Resolution No. 7750, promulgated on November 23, 2006.

Section 7. *Effectivity.* - This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

SO ORDERED.

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