

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
 Intramuros, Manila

**IN THE MATTER OF REOPENING
 THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS
 UNTIL JANUARY 9, 2010**

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Promulgated : December 17, 2009

RESOLUTION NO. 8719
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WHEREAS, the Commission, pursuant to Resolution No. 8585, promulgated on February 12, 2009, adjusted the periods and dates set for the deadline of filing of applications for registration, last Election Registration Board (ERB) hearing and other related activities, including the submission to the Election and Barangay Affairs Department (EBAD) of the Project of Precincts (POPs) from the field offices of the Commission, so that the required data on the number of precincts and registered voters will become available in time for the setting of the configuration data of the Precinct Count Optical Scan (PCOS) machines to be used for the May 10, 2010 National and Local Elections;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court promulgated on December 15, 2009, its Decision in G.R. No. 189868 entitled *Kabataan Party-List Representative Raymond V. Palatino et al versus Commission on Elections*, declaring said Resolution No. 8585 as null and void insofar as it set the deadline of voter registration for the May 10, 2010 elections on October 31, 2009, and directing the Commission to proceed with the reopening of the registration of voters and holding the same until January 9, 2010;

WHEREAS, Section 3 (a) of Republic Act No. 8189 (The Voter's Registration Act of 1997), by referring to registration as the "act of accomplishing and filing of a sworn application for registration by a qualified voter before the election officer of the city or municipality wherein he resides and including the same in the book of registered voters)

upon approval by the Election Registration Board (ERB)", prescribes that the registration period includes the ERB hearing;

WHEREAS, in order to implement the Supreme Court Decision in the *Kabataan* case there is a need to set new dates and periods for the reopening of the registration of voters;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission on Elections, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, and other election laws, **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to promulgate the following guidelines in the reopening of registration of voters:

1. The personal filing of applications for registration of voters shall be made at the Office of the Election Officer (OEO) of the district/city/municipality where the applicants reside, from 8:00 o'clock in the morning until 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon, in accordance with Resolution No. 8514, promulgated on November 12, 2008;

2. No satellite registration shall be conducted and no application for transfer of registration records, reactivation and changes/correction of entries in the registration records/inclusion of registration records/reinstatement of names in the list of voters, shall be filed;

3. Minute Resolution No. 09-0611 dated September 15, 2009, on the use of Add-On Utilities shall apply in areas where the Data Capturing Machine (DCM) and/or its peripherals are defective or malfunctioning, as certified by the CVL technician of the province and as reported to the Information Technology Department (ITD). Add-ons on approved applications during the reopening of registration shall be integrated in the Supplemental List referred to in paragraph 6 hereunder;

4. The applications for registration shall be heard in accordance with the following schedule:

<i>Period to file applications</i>	<i>Last day to post Notice of Hearing</i>	<i>Last day to file opposition to applications registration</i>	<i>Hearing/ Approval/ Disapproval of Applications</i>
<i>December 21, 22, 23, 28 and 29, 2009</i>	<i>January 4, 2010</i>	<i>January 6, 2010</i>	<i>January 9, 2010</i>

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5. Petitions for inclusion and exclusion of voters in the list may be filed in the proper courts not later than January 15, 2010; and

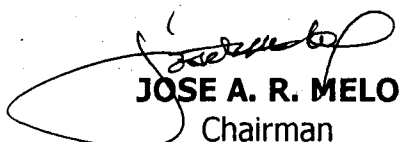
6. The Information Technology Department shall develop the appropriate program to segregate the records of registered voters as of the November 16, 2009 ERB hearing from those whose applications will be approved on January 9, 2010, and provide all Election Officers with the instructions for the generation of a separate Supplemental List of Voters in Posted Computerized Voters List (PCVL) format.

7. The Regional Election Directors shall ensure that the program referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph is installed in the Data Capturing Machines (DCMs) prior to their use in the reopening of the registration of voters.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Let the Election and Barangay Affairs Department implement this resolution.

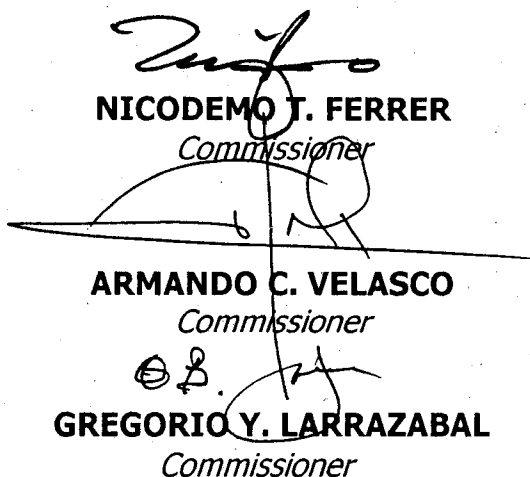
SO ORDERED.

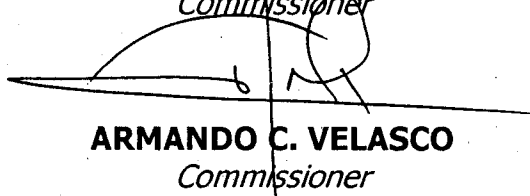

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