



# Election Law-for-All

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# Seminar Flow: 8 Topics



The Why of  
Elections

Suffrage  
and  
Registration

Candidates  
and Elective  
Offices

COMELEC

Tips for  
Voters

Ballots and  
ACM

Electoral  
Process

Election  
Cases



# What is the *Why* of Philippine Elections?



# C.H.O.P.F.E.

**Credible**

**Honest**

**Orderly**

**Peaceful**

**Free**

**Elections**



# 3 Elections in 2025

May 12

- 12 Senators and Representatives
- Provincial, City and Municipal Officials

October 13

BARMM Regional Parliament

December 1

- Barangay
- Sangguniang Kabataan



# Postponement of Elections

- **Grounds:** (1) Force majeure, (2) Violence, (3) Terrorism, (4) Loss or Destruction of Election Paraphernalia, and (5) Analogous Causes
- **Extent:** Serious *and* Impossible to have free and orderly elections
- **Area:** Political subdivision (not nationwide)
- **Conditions:** Grounds must exist before the end of voting
- **Authority:** Comelec en banc (petition or motu proprio)
- **Result:** Special Elections within 30 days from cessation



# Who can vote?



# Core Principles

Suffrage is a  
Right

Regularity of  
Elections

Free and  
Voluntary

Secrecy

Personal

Choice of  
Candidates  
and Policies



# Suffrage

## Requirements

1. Filipino Citizen
2. 18 years of age
3. Resident in the Philippines
4. Resident of place
5. Free from disqualifications
6. Must be registered

## Disqualifications

1. Sentenced by final judgment ( $\geq 1$  year imprisonment)
2. Sentenced to suffer accessory penalty (political rights)
3. Adjudged by final judgment (disloyalty)
4. Court-declared insanity

# Registration



Continuing

Right to  
Register vs.  
Right to Vote

Cancellation  
and  
Deactivation

Inclusion and  
Exclusion



**Who do we *vote for*?**



# Who are Candidates?

1. Filed a Certificate of Candidacy (CoC), in the required form, within the prescribed period (unless proper substitution) for an elective public office
2. Qualified and does not possess any of the disqualifications (is not disqualified)
3. Has not withdrawn the CoC
4. Campaign period has commenced (Operative Fact under an automated system)

# Elective Offices

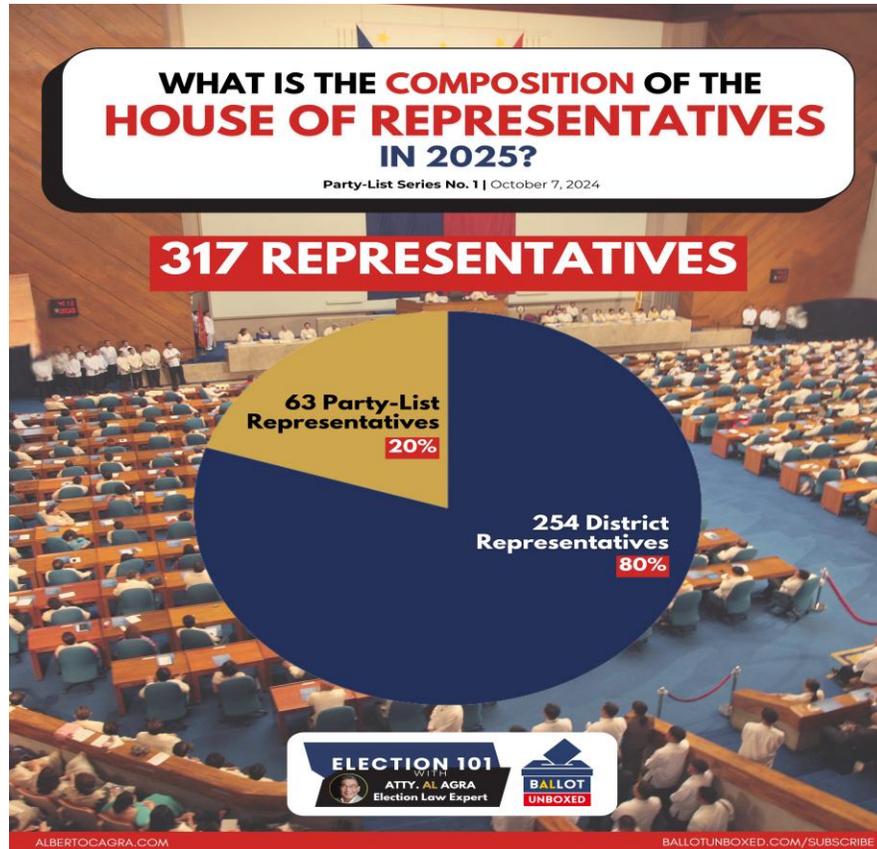
## National Offices

- President ✗
- Vice-President ✗
- Senate
- House of Representatives
  - District
  - Party-List

## Regional and Local Offices

- BARMM Regional Parliament ✗
- Province
- City
- Municipality
- Barangay ✗
- Sangguniang Kabataan ✗

# Party-List System



Formula:  $(\text{No. of DRs} \div 0.8) \times 0.2$   
 In 2025:  $(254 \div 0.8) \times 0.2 = 63.5$  (63)  
 House Composition: 317 (254 + 63)

**WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE and a PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE?**  
Party-List Series No. 3 | October 9, 2024

ASPECTS	DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES	PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVES
CANDIDATE (CHOICE IN BALLOT)	Natural Person	Juridical Person (Party or Organization)
PORTION OF HOUSE	80% (254 in 2025)	20% (63 in 2025)
FORMULA	Plurality	Proportional Representation (Number of Votes of Party ÷ Total Number of 2nd Votes)
ELECTORATE	District/Local	National
NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural-Born Citizen</li> <li>25 y/o</li> <li>Literate</li> <li>1-Year Residency in District</li> <li>Registered Voter in District</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural-Born Citizen</li> <li>25 y/o (for youth 25-30)</li> <li>Literate</li> <li>1-Year Residency in the Philippines</li> <li>Registered Voter Anywhere</li> </ul>
CAMPAIGN PERIOD	MARCH 28 to MAY 10, 2025	FEBRUARY 11 to MAY 10, 2025

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- Types**
1. National
  2. Regional
  3. Sectoral



# Formula for Winning

National/ Local Officials

First-Past-the-Post/  
Plurality (not  
Majority)

## Party-List

- Proportional Representation
- Statutory Threshold: 2%
- All 63 seats must be filled-up
- Maximum: 3 seats/ party
- Allocation of Seats:
  1. Rank all parties based on plurality
  2. Allocate 1 seat for those that obtain 2%
    - $\text{No. of votes of party} \div \text{Total } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ votes}$
  3. Allocate additional seats to 2%-parties proportionally
  4. Distribute remaining seats to non-2% parties until the 20% allocation is filled
- Nominees: 10 (based on ranking)



# Eligibility

## Qualifications

1. Age
2. Citizenship
3. Residency in the Philippines
4. Residency in locality
5. Registered Voter
6. Literacy

## Disqualifications

1. Lack of Qualifications (Cancel Certificate of Candidacy for Willful Material Misrepresentation)
2. No bona fide intent to run for public office (Nuisance)
3. Committed an Election Offense (Disqualification)



# Election Offenses

## *Section 68, OEC*

- Vote-Buying
- Terrorism
- Exceed allowable expenditures
- Unlawful contributions
- Prohibited election propaganda
- Unlawful electioneering
- Campaign Fund-Raising
- Prohibited donations
- Release of public funds
- Coercion
- Threats



# Campaign

*Purpose:* Promote the election or defeat of a candidate

1. Forming organizations
2. Speeches, rallies and meetings
3. Letters, Printed Materials, Posters, Streamers and Billboards\*
4. Tri-Media and Social Media
5. T-shirts and Gadgets

- *Period:* 90 and 45 days
- *Last Day:* Today, May 10
- *Cap:* Maximum of P3/ voter for affiliated candidates and P5/ voter for independent candidates
- *Coverage:* \* Does not cover voters for their materials displayed at their premises



# Who is *COMELEC*?



# Commission on Elections

- Is an independent constitutionally-created Public Office/ Administrative Agency
- Enjoys fiscal autonomy
- Is a collegial body composed of 1 Chairperson and 6 Commissioners serving a 7-year term
- Administers all laws relative to the conduct of elections
- Can issue 6 rules
- Can adjudicate
- Can investigate
- Can cite persons in contempt

## Cannot:

- Enact and amend laws
- Provide for penalties for violation of its rules unless empowered by law
- Rule on one's right of suffrage
- Disobey the Procurement Law
- Declare a candidate a nuisance for lack of financial resources and lack of awareness
- Require voters to follow campaign regulations



# Tips for Voters

# Tips for Voters: Before Election Day



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## TIPS FOR OUR VOTERS BEFORE/ON ELECTION DAY



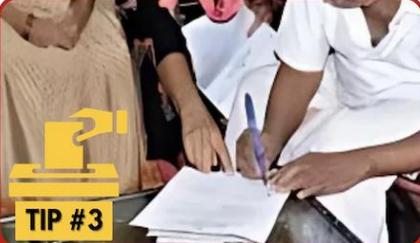
**TIP #1** Election Day is Monday, May 12, 2025.  
Regular voting hours is from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Plan your day.



**TIP #2**

If you are a Senior Citizen, Pregnant or a Voter with Disability, you can vote as early as 5:00 a.m.

The 2-hour period till 7:00 a.m. is exclusive for these groups.



**TIP #3**

If you are an illiterate voter or a voter with disability and such fact is indicated in your voting record, another voter can assist you.

The assistor can be a relative within 4<sup>th</sup> degree of consanguinity or affinity, a person of confidence or a member of the Electoral Board.



**TIP #4**

You may bring your Voter Information Sheet (VIS).

The VIS identifies your precinct and Polling Place and provides for the names of candidates. Per COMELEC, you will receive your VIS this month/ April.



**TIP #5**

Before Election Day, check if your name appears in the Certified Voter's List.

Only registered voters can vote.

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# Tips for Voters: On Election Day



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## TIPS FOR OUR VOTERS ON ELECTION DAY



 As these are Election Offenses, do NOT:

-  Give free transportation, food and drinks. This prohibition covers all persons.
-  Wear your campaign shirt. Campaigning is not allowed on Election Day. Teachers may not allow you to enter the Polling Precinct.
-  For the purpose of promoting the election or defeat of a candidate, buy votes or sell your vote. The consideration can be money, anything of value, employment, franchise or making an expenditure.
-  Make a bet on the results of the elections.
-  Obstruct or prevent a voter from going to the polling place.

# Tips for Voters: Voting/ Casting Proper



**3.**  
**ON ELECTION DAY,  
DO NOT...**

1. Vote more than once.
2. Vote when not registered.
3. Vote for another.
4. Show your filled-up ballot to others.
5. Use a ballot not given you.



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**4.**  
**ON ELECTION DAY,  
DO NOT...**

6. Take a picture of the filled-up ballot, Voter-Verified Paper Audit-Trail and choices appearing on the ACM screen.
7. Vote for more than the number of slots per position (overvote).
8. Chat and compare votes with others.
9. After voting, loiter around the polling precinct.
10. Bring home the official pen and folder.



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# Ballots and Automated Counting Machine (ACM)



# The Ballot



MAY 12, 2025 NATIONAL, LOCAL AND BARMM  
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS  
AMIHAN, QUEZON CITY, NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION -  
SECOND DISTRICT



Clustered Precinct ID: 74040644  
Precincts in Cluster:  
3628A, 3629A, 3630A, 3631A,  
3632A

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING**

1. Mark the inside of the circle  beside the name of the desired candidate.
2. Only use the Marking pen provided to mark the circles.
3. Do not mark more circles than what is intended.

Signature of chairman

SENATOR / Vote for 12 (Bumoto ng hindi hihigit sa 12)			
<input type="radio"/> 1. ABALOS, BENHUR (PFP)	<input type="radio"/> 18. CAYETANO, PIA (NP)	<input type="radio"/> 35. LAPID, LITO (NPC)	<input type="radio"/> 52. QJERUBIN, ARIEL PORFIRIO (NP)
<input type="radio"/> 2. ADONIS, JEROME (MKBYN)	<input type="radio"/> 19. D'ANGELO, DAVID (BUNYOG)	<input type="radio"/> 36. LEE, MANOY WILBERT (AKSYON)	<input type="radio"/> 53. QJIBOLOY, APOLLO (IND)
<input type="radio"/> 3. AMAD, WILSON (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 20. DE ALBAN, ATTORNEY ANGELO (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 37. LIDASAN, AMIRAH (MKBYN)	<input type="radio"/> 54. RAMOS, DANILO (MKBYN)
<input type="radio"/> 4. ANDAMO, NARS ALYN (MKBYN)	<input type="radio"/> 21. DE GUZMAN, KA LEODY (PLM)	<input type="radio"/> 38. MARCOLETA, RODANTE (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 55. REVILLAME, WILLIE WIL (IND)
<input type="radio"/> 5. AQUINO, BAM (KNP)	<input type="radio"/> 22. DELA ROSA, BATO (PDPLBN)	<input type="radio"/> 39. MARCOS, IMEE R. (NP)	<input type="radio"/> 56. RODRIGUEZ, ATTY. VIC (IND)
<input type="radio"/> 6. ARAMBULO, RONNEL (MKBYN)	<input type="radio"/> 23. DORINGO, NANAY MIMI (MKBYN)	<input type="radio"/> 40. MARQUEZ, NORMAN (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 57. SAHIDULLA, NUR-ANA (IND)
<input type="radio"/> 7. ARELLANO, ERNESTO (KTPNAN)	<input type="radio"/> 24. ESCOBAL, ARNEL (PM)	<input type="radio"/> 41. MARTINEZ, ERIC (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 58. SALVADOR, PHILLIP IPE (PDPLBN)
<input type="radio"/> 8. BALLON, ROBERTO (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 25. ESPIRITU, LUKE (PLM)	<input type="radio"/> 42. MATA, DOC MARITES (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 59. SOTTO, TITO (NPC)
<input type="radio"/> 9. BINAY, ABBY (NPC)	<input type="radio"/> 26. FLORANDA, MODY PISTON (MKBYN)	<input type="radio"/> 43. MATULA, ATTY. SONNY (WPP)	<input type="radio"/> 60. TAPADO, MICHAEL BONGBONG (PM)
<input type="radio"/> 10. BONDOC, JIMMY (PDPLBN)	<input type="radio"/> 27. GAMBOA, MARC LOUIE (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 44. MAZA, LIZA (MKBYN)	<input type="radio"/> 61. TOLENTINO, FRANCIS TOL (PFP)
<input type="radio"/> 11. BONG REVILLA, RAMON, JR. (LAKAS)	<input type="radio"/> 28. GO, BONG GO (PDPLBN)	<input type="radio"/> 45. MENDOZA, HEIDI (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 62. TULFO, BEN BITAG (IND)
<input type="radio"/> 12. BOSITA, COLONEL (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 29. GONZALES, NORBERTO (PDSP)	<input type="radio"/> 46. MONTEMAYOR, JOEY (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 63. TULFO, ERWIN (LAKAS)
<input type="radio"/> 13. BROSAS, ARLENE (MKBYN)	<input type="radio"/> 30. HINLO, JAYVEE (PDPLBN)	<input type="radio"/> 47. MUSTAPHA, SUBAIR (WPP)	<input type="radio"/> 64. VALBUENA, MAR MANIBELA (IND)
<input type="radio"/> 14. CABONEGRO, ROY (DPP)	<input type="radio"/> 31. HONASAN, GRINGO (RP)	<input type="radio"/> 48. OLIVAR, JOSE JESSIE (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 65. VERCELES, LEANDRO (IND)
<input type="radio"/> 15. CAPUYAN, ALLEN (PPP)	<input type="radio"/> 32. JOSE, RELLY JR. (KBL)	<input type="radio"/> 49. ONG, DOC WILLIE (AKSYON)	<input type="radio"/> 66. VILLAR, CAMILLE (NP)
<input type="radio"/> 16. CASIÑO, TEDDY (MKBYN)	<input type="radio"/> 33. LACSON, PING (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 50. PACQUIAO, MANNY PACMAN (PFP)	
<input type="radio"/> 17. CASTRO, TEACHER FRANCE (MKBYN)	<input type="radio"/> 34. LAMBINO, RAUL (PDPLBN)	<input type="radio"/> 51. PANGILINAN, KIKO (LP)	
MEMBER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES / Vote for 1 (Bumoto ng hindi hihigit sa 1)			
<input type="radio"/> 1. PUMAREN, FRANZ (NUP)	<input type="radio"/> 2. REYES, ALLAN BENEDICT (PFP)		
MAYOR / Vote for 1 (Bumoto ng hindi hihigit sa 1)			
<input type="radio"/> 1. BELMONTE, JOY (SBP)	<input type="radio"/> 3. JOTA, ROLANDO (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 5. VELASCO, DIOSDADO (IND)	
<input type="radio"/> 2. CABALO, JONATHAN (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 4. NAVAT, NOLI (IND)		
VICE-MAYOR / Vote for 1 (Bumoto ng hindi hihigit sa 1)			
<input type="radio"/> 1. FAELANGCO, JUNE (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 2. INGLES, INVENTOR (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 3. SOTTO, GIAN (SBP)	<input type="radio"/> 4. VILLARTA, DANTE (IND)
MEMBER, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD / Vote for 6 (Bumoto ng hindi hihigit sa 6)			
<input type="radio"/> 1. ANTONIO, CHUCKIE (SBP)	<input type="radio"/> 4. LAGUMBAY, WENCY (NP)	<input type="radio"/> 7. PLANAS, PAU (PFP)	<input type="radio"/> 10. RUFO, NORMA (IND)
<input type="radio"/> 2. COSETENG, JULIAN (SBP)	<input type="radio"/> 5. LIQUIGAN, ATORNI TOPE (IND)	<input type="radio"/> 8. PUMAREN, LUIGI (SBP)	
<input type="radio"/> 3. DE LEON, DON (SBP)	<input type="radio"/> 6. LUMBAD, DOK G (SBP)	<input type="radio"/> 9. REYES, ATTY. ANTON (NPC)	



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**PARAAN NG PAGBOTO**

1. Markahan ang loob ng bilog  sa tabi ng nais ibotong kandidato.
2. Gamitin lamang ang marking pen na ibinigay para sa pagmarka ng mga bilog.
3. Huwag markahan ng hihigit sa dapat.

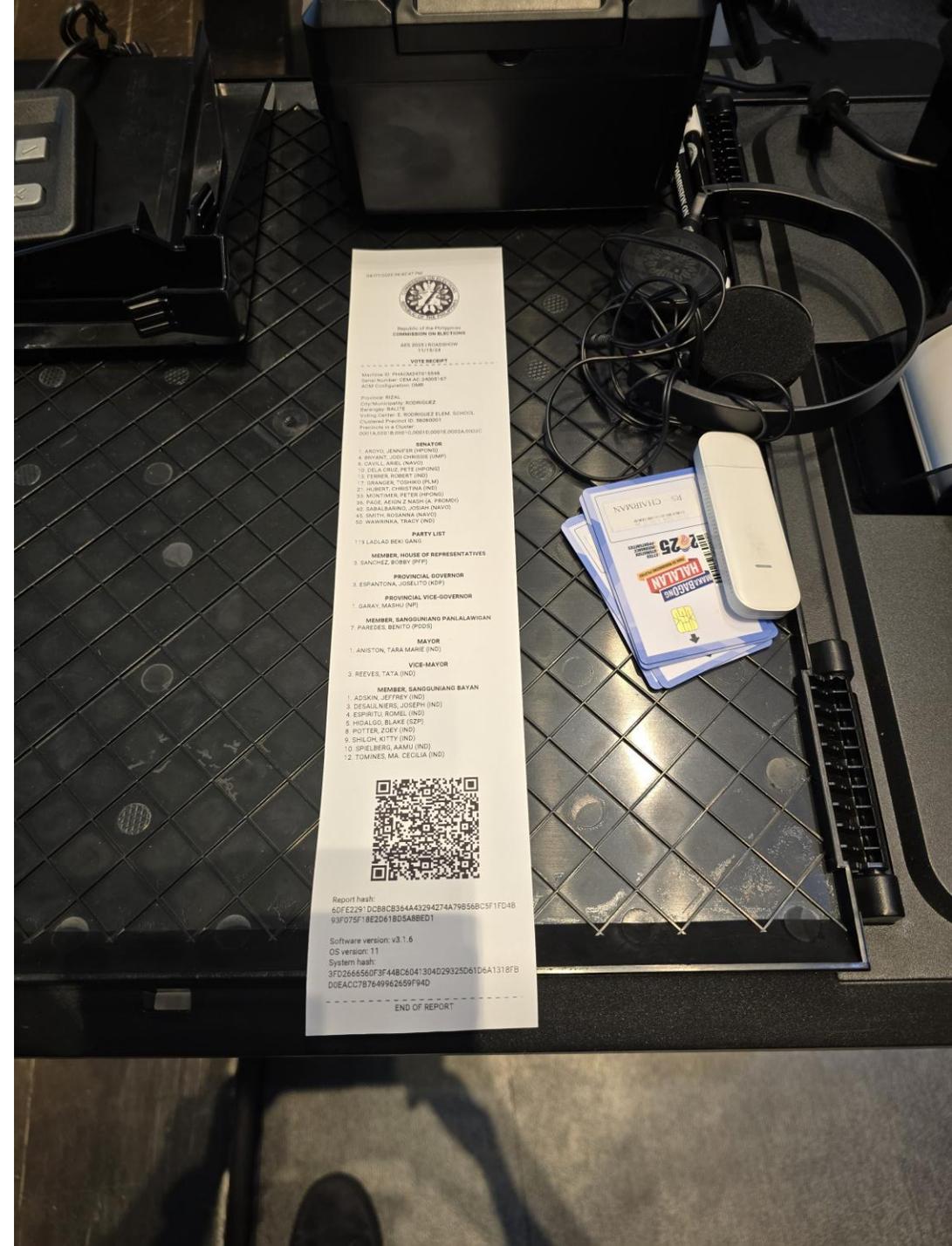
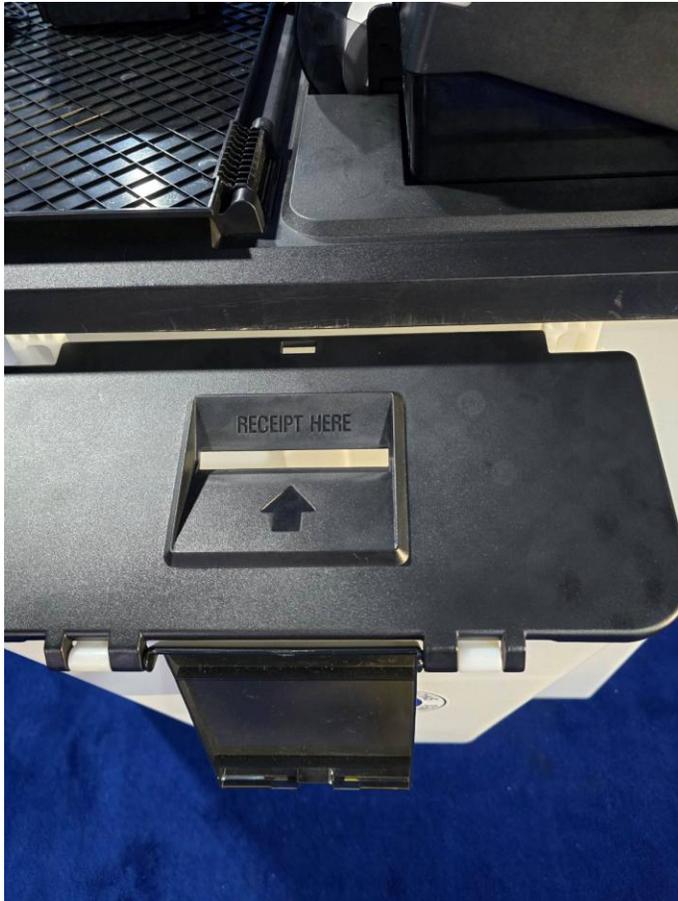
PARTY LIST / Vote for 1 (Bumoto ng hindi hihigit sa 1)			
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<input type="radio"/> 2 PPP	<input type="radio"/> 41 ARISE	<input type="radio"/> 81 ARANGKADA PILIPINO	<input type="radio"/> 120 KABAYAN
<input type="radio"/> 3 FPJ PANDAY BAYANIHAN	<input type="radio"/> 42 MAGDALO	<input type="radio"/> 82 AANGAT TAYO	<input type="radio"/> 121 1MUNTI
<input type="radio"/> 4 KABATAAN	<input type="radio"/> 43 APEC	<input type="radio"/> 83 OFW	<input type="radio"/> 122 PINOY WORKERS
<input type="radio"/> 5 DUTERTE YOUTH	<input type="radio"/> 44 MAGBUBUKID	<input type="radio"/> 84 BIDA KATAGUMPAY	<input type="radio"/> 123 API PARTY
<input type="radio"/> 6 ML	<input type="radio"/> 45 SSS-GSIS PENSYONADO	<input type="radio"/> 85 KAMANGGAGAWA	<input type="radio"/> 124 AKO BISAYA
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<input type="radio"/> 8 P3PWD	<input type="radio"/> 47 TINGOG	<input type="radio"/> 87 BUNYOG	<input type="radio"/> 126 AKO TANOD
<input type="radio"/> 9 MURANG KURYENTE	<input type="radio"/> 48 APAT-DAPAT	<input type="radio"/> 88 AGRI	<input type="radio"/> 127 PROBINSYANO AKO
<input type="radio"/> 10 BICOL SARO	<input type="radio"/> 49 AHON MAHIRAP	<input type="radio"/> 89 SENIOR CITIZENS	<input type="radio"/> 128 KABABAIHAN
<input type="radio"/> 11 IPATUPAD	<input type="radio"/> 50 UGB	<input type="radio"/> 90 4K	<input type="radio"/> 129 RAM
<input type="radio"/> 12 PATROL	<input type="radio"/> 51 AKBAYAN	<input type="radio"/> 91 PBP	<input type="radio"/> 130 ALONA
<input type="radio"/> 13 JUAN PINOY	<input type="radio"/> 52 AGIMAT	<input type="radio"/> 92 ONE COOP	<input type="radio"/> 131 AKO BICOL
<input type="radio"/> 14 ARTE	<input type="radio"/> 53 PHILRECA	<input type="radio"/> 93 CIBAC	<input type="radio"/> 132 GP (GALING SA PUSO)
<input type="radio"/> 15 WIFI	<input type="radio"/> 54 KAPUSO PM	<input type="radio"/> 94 BH - BAGONG HENERASYON	<input type="radio"/> 133 KAUNLAD PINOY
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# The Automated Counting Machine (ACM)

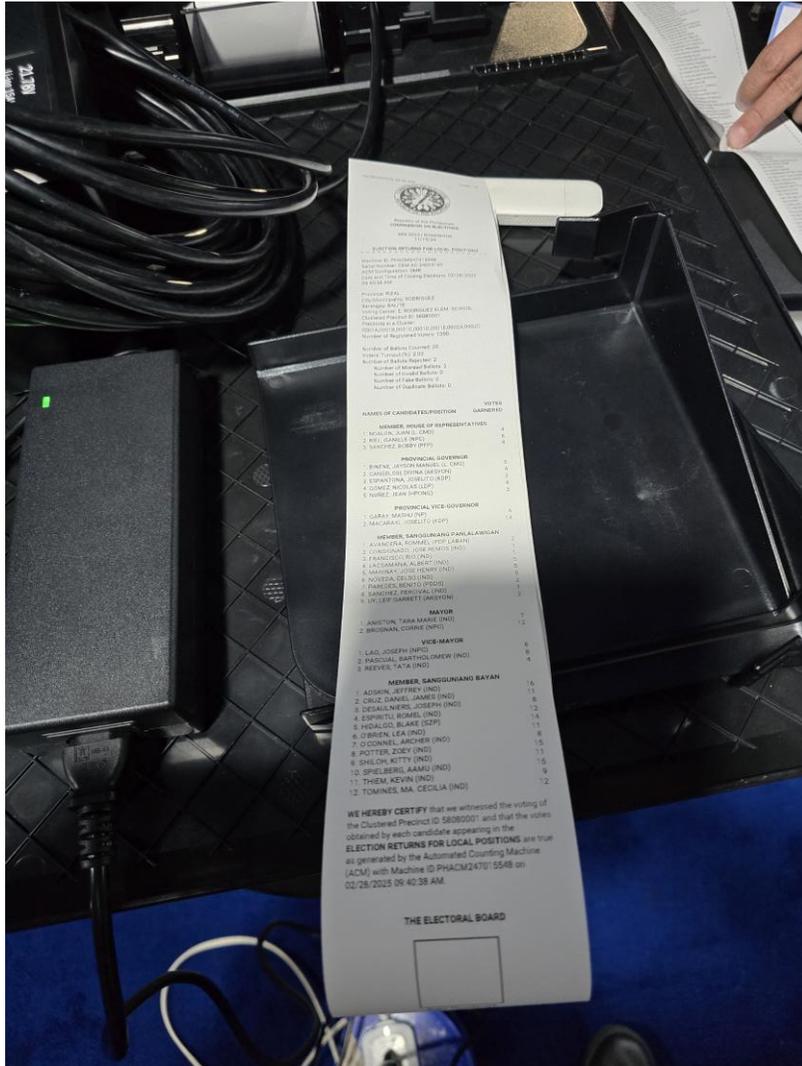




# The Voter-Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT)



# The Election Return (ER)





# **Opening of Polls-to-Casting- to-Counting-to-Transmission- to-Closing of Polls-to- Canvassing-to-Proclamation**

# 10-STEP VOTING PROCESS



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1



VOTER **ARRIVES** AT  
POLLING PRECINCT  
AND PRESENTS  
SELF TO  
**ELECTORAL BOARD**  
(EB)

2



EB VERIFIES  
IDENTITY OF VOTER  
BY CHECKING NAME  
AGAINST **ELECTION**  
**DAY COMPUTERIZED**  
**VOTERS' LIST**  
(EDCVL)

3



IF RIGHT  
FOREFINGER  
UNSTAINED,  
**NAME IS**  
**ANNOUNCED BY**  
EB

4



IF NOT  
CHALLENGED OR  
IF CHALLENGED  
DISMISSED,  
**VOTER SIGNS**  
EDCVL

5



VOTER GIVEN A  
**BALLOT**  
**INSIDE FOLDER**  
BY EB

6



VOTER FILLS UP  
BALLOT  
BY **SHADING**  
**OVALS** ACROSS  
NAMES OF  
CANDIDATES

7



VOTER DEPOSITS/  
INSERTS BALLOT  
INSIDE THE  
**AUTOMATED**  
**COUNTING**  
**MACHINE (ACM)**

8



VOTER CHECKS  
CHOICES SHOWN  
ON **ACM SCREEN**  
AND **VOTER-**  
**VERIFIED PAPER**  
**AUDIT TRAIL**

9



EB STAINS  
RIGHT  
FOREFINGER OF  
VOTER WITH  
**INDELIBLE INK**

10



VOTER  
**LEAVES**  
**POLLING**  
**PRECINCT**

# "WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A VOTER IS CHALLENGED?"



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**GROUNDS:**

1. Received or expects to receive, paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, offered or promised to contribute money or anything of value as consideration for his/her vote or for the vote of another. (Vote Buying)
2. Made or received a promise to influence the giving or withholding of any such vote (Vote Influencing)
3. Made a bet or is interested directly or indirectly in a bet that depends upon the results of the election. (Betting on Election Results) SEC 30

**POLL WATCHERS INTERVENTION**

Challenge a voter's eligibility on the ground that the voter:

1. Is an ILLEGAL VOTER, or
2. Has performed an ILLEGAL ACT

**ELIGIBILITY IS CHALLENGED**

**Announcement of Voter's Name**

**NO CHALLENGE TO ELIGIBILITY**

**Resolving Challenge to Eligibility**

**CHALLENGE BASED ON ILLEGAL ACTS**

**CHALLENGE BASED ON ILLEGAL VOTERS**

**GROUNDS:**

1. Not registered;
2. Uses the name of another; or
3. Has an existing disqualification. SEC 29

**Remedy of the Voter to take an Oath before the EB that he/she did not commit the alleged acts**

**Remedy of the Voter to show proof of registration, identity, or qualification.**

If voter IDENTITY is challenged, the EB shall identify the voter's specimen signature and photo in the EDCVL. In the absence of these proofs, any member of the EB may identify under oath a voter personally known to the former. SEC 29

**VOTER REFUSES TO TAKE OATH**

**EB DETERMINES TRUTHFULNESS OF CHALLENGE**

**CHALLENGE BASED ON FACTS**

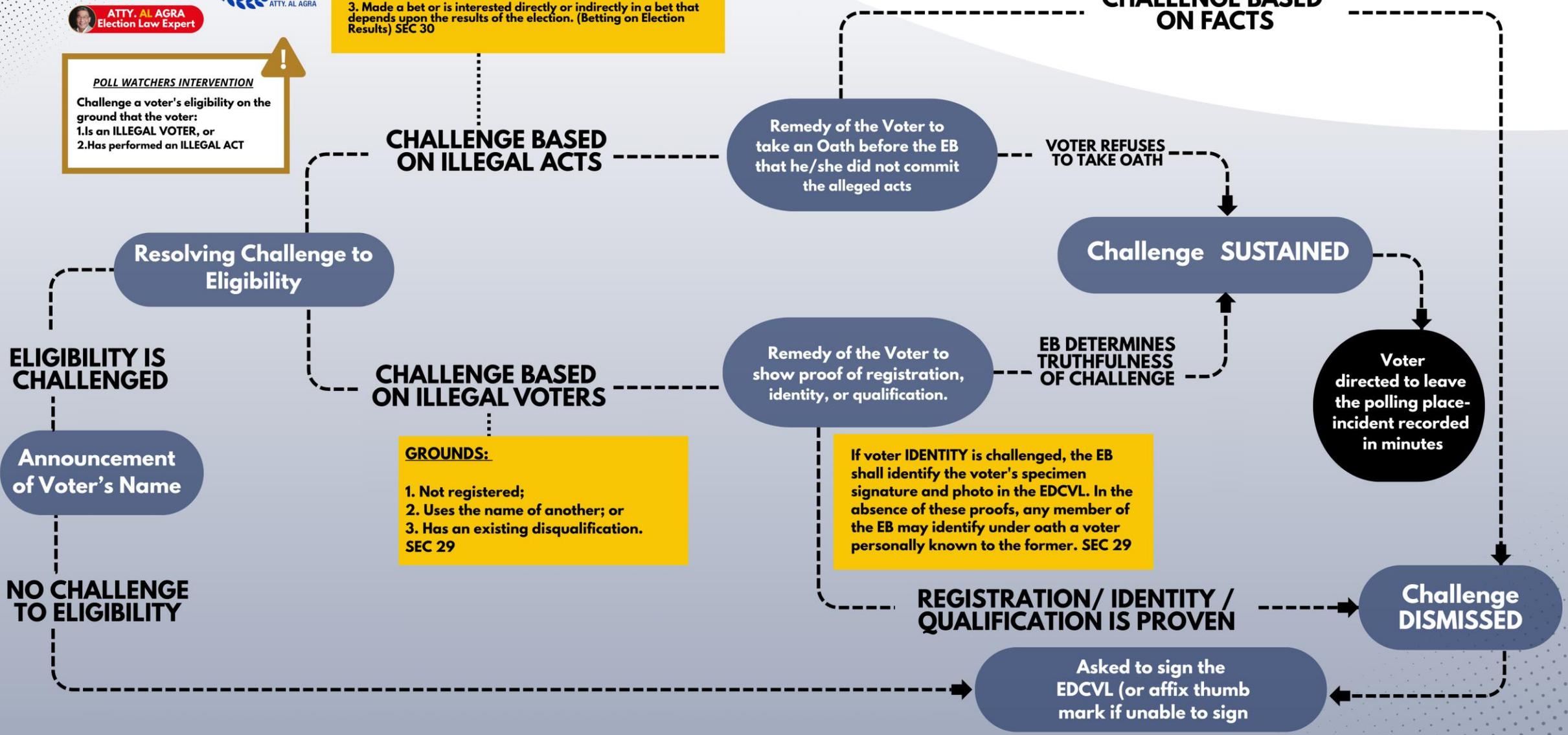
**Challenge SUSTAINED**

**Voter directed to leave the polling place- incident recorded in minutes**

**REGISTRATION/ IDENTITY / QUALIFICATION IS PROVEN**

**Challenge DISMISSED**

**Asked to sign the EDCVL (or affix thumb mark if unable to sign)**





# TRANSMISSION OF RESULTS

**CASTING AND COUNTING**

**GENERATION OF 9 COPIES OF ELECTION RETURNS (ERs)**

Print 9 Copies of ERs for NATIONAL & LOCAL Positions

EB signs & affixes thumbmark in the certification portion of all ERs

EB posts 1 copy in a conspicuous place inside the polling place

8 copies are sealed with serially numbered paper seals & placed in envelopes

- ACM proceeds to transmit to the following servers:
- MBOC: [City/Municipal CCS]
  - Central Server
  - Citizen's Arm Server 1
  - Citizens Arm Server 2
  - Dominant Majority Server
  - Dominant Minority Server
  - Media Server

**TRANSMISSION THROUGH USB MODEM**

INSERT USB MODEM to ensure connectivity

**START Transmission**

Wait for the connectivity status symbol to be filled with black and display a V character on top of the signal icon. This indicates that the transmission device has successfully established a connection.

All servers must have the following information:  
 "TRANSMITTED/[DATE AND TIME]"  
 "RECIEVED/[DATE AND TIME]"

- 9 Copies of the ER**
1. City or Municipal Board of Canvassers;
  2. COMELEC
  3. Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV)
  4. National Citizens Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL);
  5. Dominant majority party as determined by the COMELEC accordance with law
  6. Dominant minority party as determined by the COMELEC accordance with law
  7. Ballot Box
  8. Wall
  9. Provincial Board of Canvassers;
- 21 Copies of ER**
1. CONGRESS (Senate and Party-list only)
  2. Ten (10) Accredited major national parties, except dominant majority and minority parties.
  3. Two (2) Accredited major local parties
  4. Four (4) national broadcast or print media entities
  5. Two (2) local broadcast or print media entities
  6. Two (2) mojor citizens-arms, excluding PPCRV & NAMFREL

**TRANSMISSION PROCEDURE**

ACM Displays Results & Produces a Transmission Report

Transmission Successful

Transmission Failed

Results are verified

Print 21 Copies of ERs for NATIONAL & LOCAL Positions

EB signs & affixes with serially numbered paper seals & placed in envelopes

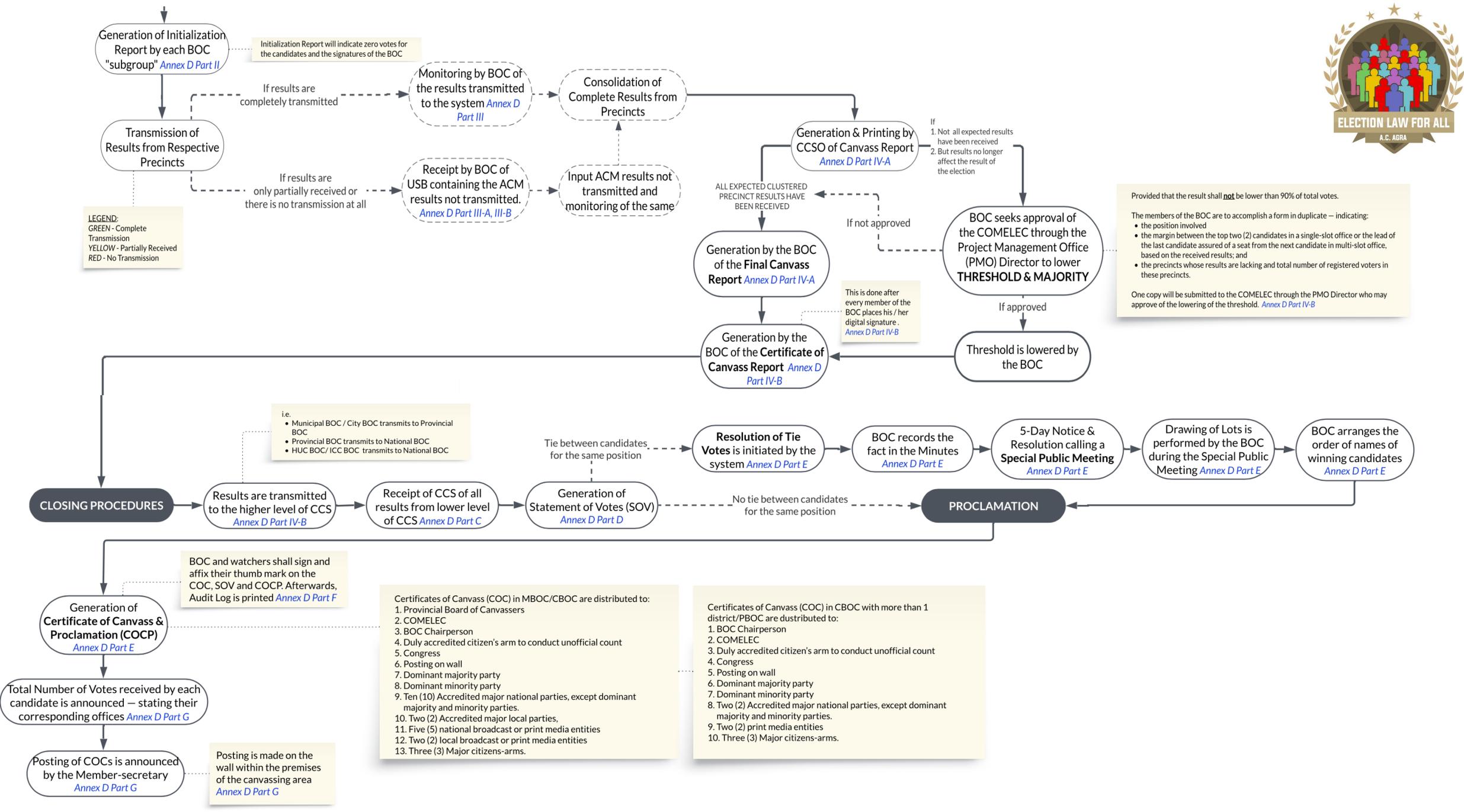
21 copies are sealed with serially numbered paper seals & placed in envelopes

Distribute the 29 sealed envelopes

Check the transmission device if properly connected then re-transmit the results

**Ballot Review**

**STATISTICAL REPORT is Generated**



**LEGEND:**  
 GREEN - Complete Transmission  
 YELLOW - Partially Received  
 RED - No Transmission

Initialization Report will indicate zero votes for the candidates and the signatures of the BOC

If results are completely transmitted

If results are only partially received or there is no transmission at all

If  
 1. Not all expected results have been received  
 2. But results no longer affect the result of the election

ALL EXPECTED CLUSTERED PRECINCT RESULTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

This is done after every member of the BOC places his / her digital signature. Annex D Part IV-B

Provided that the result shall **not** be lower than 90% of total votes.

The members of the BOC are to accomplish a form in duplicate – indicating:

- the position involved
- the margin between the top two (2) candidates in a single-slot office or the lead of the last candidate assured of a seat from the next candidate in multi-slot office, based on the received results; and
- the precincts whose results are lacking and total number of registered voters in these precincts.

One copy will be submitted to the COMELEC through the PMO Director who may approve of the lowering of the threshold. Annex D Part IV-B

i.e.  
 • Municipal BOC / City BOC transmits to Provincial BOC  
 • Provincial BOC transmits to National BOC  
 • HUC BOC/ ICC BOC transmits to National BOC

Tie between candidates for the same position

No tie between candidates for the same position

BOC and watchers shall sign and affix their thumb mark on the COC, SOV and COCP. Afterwards, Audit Log is printed Annex D Part F

Certificates of Canvass (COC) in MBOC/CBOC are distributed to:

1. Provincial Board of Canvassers
2. COMELEC
3. BOC Chairperson
4. Duly accredited citizen's arm to conduct unofficial count
5. Congress
6. Posting on wall
7. Dominant majority party
8. Dominant minority party
9. Ten (10) Accredited major national parties, except dominant majority and minority parties.
10. Two (2) Accredited major local parties,
11. Five (5) national broadcast or print media entities
12. Two (2) local broadcast or print media entities
13. Three (3) Major citizens-arms.

Certificates of Canvass (COC) in CBOC with more than 1 district/PBOC are distributed to:

1. BOC Chairperson
2. COMELEC
3. Duly accredited citizen's arm to conduct unofficial count
4. Congress
5. Posting on wall
6. Dominant majority party
7. Dominant minority party
8. Two (2) Accredited major national parties, except dominant majority and minority parties.
9. Two (2) print media entities
10. Three (3) Major citizens-arms.

Posting is made on the wall within the premises of the canvassing area Annex D Part G



# Election Cases

# Election Cases: Summary

<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>Types</b>	<b>Venue at 1<sup>st</sup> Instance</b>
<b><i>Electorate/ Suffrage</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Opposition to Application for Registration</li> <li>○ Inclusion and Exclusion</li> <li>○ Annulment of Book of Voters</li> <li>○ Challenge on Election Day</li> <li>○ Election Offense</li> </ul>	Election Registration Board Municipal Trial Court COMELEC En Banc Electoral Boards COMELEC Law Dept. or Prosecutor
<b><i>Candidate</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cancellation of CoC, Nuisance and Disqualification</li> <li>○ Election Offense</li> </ul>	COMELEC Division COMELEC Law Dept. or Prosecutor
<b><i>Integrity of Elections</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Postponement of Elections</li> <li>○ Failure of Elections</li> </ul>	COMELEC En Banc COMELEC En Banc
<b><i>Pre-Proclamation</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Board of Canvassers (BoC)-related</li> </ul>	BoC or COMELEC Division
<b><i>Election Protests/ Post-Proclamation</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Annulment of Proclamation</li> <li>○ Election Protest</li> <li>○ Quo Warranto</li> </ul>	COMELEC Division Depends on position Depends on position
<b><i>Election Offenses</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Against Candidates</li> <li>○ Against Non-Candidates and Voters</li> </ul>	COMELEC Law Dept. or Prosecutor COMELEC Law Dept. or Prosecutor

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