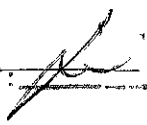


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article IX-C, Section 2, Paragraph 9, provides that one of the main functions of the Commission of Elections is to “submit to the President and the Congress a comprehensive report on the conduct of each election, plebiscite, initiative, referendum or recall.”

Although the Comelec has been complying with this provision after every regular election, basic electoral data contained in the report are not even complete, let alone comprehensive. Interested parties, candidates, and researchers find the voluminous report of very limited value because the data in these reports are not comparable.


As an implementing act of the aforementioned constitutional provision, this bill defines the word “comprehensive” in terms of the minimum contents of such report. By providing the minimum contents of the report, the objective of the bill is to ensure that the Comelec report shall contain basic and complete electoral data as a matter of record. Further, it provides that the report be made automatically available in the National Library, all libraries of state colleges and universities, provincial or city or municipal libraries.¹


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1 AN ACT
2 PROVIDING FOR THE MINIMUM CONTENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF
3 ELECTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO CONGRESS BY THE COMMISSION ON
4 ELECTIONS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

5 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Comprehensive COMELEC
6 Report Act."

7 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to document significant
8 political processes such as elections. In line with this, Commission on Elections is directed by
9 the Constitution to prepare and submit a comprehensive report on the conduct of each election,
10 plebiscite, initiative, referendum and recall to the President and to Congress.

11 SECTION 3. *Nature and Contents of the Comprehensive Report.* - A comprehensive
12 COMELEC Report to the President and the Congress after every regular or special election shall
13 contain, but not limited to, the following:

14 (A) Narrative Assessment.

15 (1) A complete but concise explanation on the context of the elections conducted
16 and the election calendar.

17 (2) Amendments to and salient features of the election code and other laws
18 governing the conduct of the electoral exercise.

19 (3) Cost of Administering the Particular Political Exercise

- 1 (a) The actual cost of the election to the national and local governments, if
2 (b) A breakdown of expenditures by item.
3 (4) Other information which the Commission of Elections deem important.

4 (B) Basic Electoral Data

5 (1) On Voters

- 6 (a) Number of registered voters per city/municipality;
7 (b) Number of voters who actually voted (voters' turnout) per
8 city/municipality;
9 (c) Number of the Voter's Registration Records (VRRs) used and
10 cancelled.

11 (2) On Precincts

- 12 (a) Number of precincts that functioned in the immediately preceding
13 elections by city/municipality;
14 (b) Number of precincts newly created for the election under consideration
15 by city/municipality;
16 (c) Total number of precincts for the election under review by
17 city/municipality;
18 (d) Number of precincts that actually functioned or failed to function by
19 city/municipality and the grant total number of precincts nationwide.

20 (3) On the number of Ballots, Election Returns, Ballot Boxes and other
21 accountable forms.

- 22 (a) Number of printed ballots, election returns and other accountable
23 forms;

- 24 (b) Number of ballots, election returns, ballot boxes and all other
25 accountable forms actually used, spoiled and unused.

26 (4) On Candidates

- 27 (a) List of all candidates, party affiliation and their profession;
28 (b) Number of votes each candidate garnered by type of position.

1 (i) for President and Vice-president - the results by province and
2 city in all other regions except NCR where it is by city and municipality;

3 (ii) for Senators - the results by province;

4 (iii)for Congressmen - the results by district;

5 (iv)for Governor, Vice-Governor and Members of the Sangguniang
6 Panlalawigan - the results by province

7 (v) for Mayors, Vice-Mayors and Members of the Sangguniang
8 Pangbayan /Panglungsod - the result by city/municipality or
9 district.

10 (c) Amount and sources of campaign funds, if already available.

11 (5) On election protests, violence and other election violations and offenses list
12 and status of election protests filed with regards to the election(s) being reported;

13 (a) Number of election related incidents of violence, offenses, and
14 violations of the election law by provinces and cities for all regions except for
15 NCR where it will be by cities and municipalities.

16 (6) Other data which the Commission on Elections may deem important.

17 SECTION 4. *Date of Publication.* - The COMELEC shall submit the comprehensive
18 Report at exactly six (6) months or at most, one (1) year after the holding of a regular or special
19 election.

20 SECTION 5. *Dissemination of and Accessibility to the Report.* - In addition to the
21 President and the Congress, the COMELEC shall provide copies of the Report to all public
22 libraries.

23 SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
24 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
25 with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

1 SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* If any part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional,
2 the remainder of the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

3 SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
4 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,