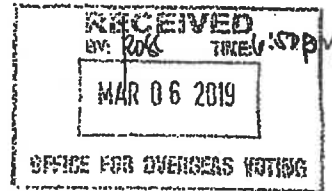




Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
 Manila



IN THE MATTER OF ALLOWING REGISTERED OVERSEAS VOTERS TO VOTE IN POST WHERE HE/SHE IS CURRENTLY RESIDING THIS 2019 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS	ABAS, Sheriff M., PARREÑO, Al A., GUIA, Luie Tito F., GUANZON, Ma. Rowena Amelia V. INTING, Socorro B., CASQUEJO, Marlon S., DECHO, Antonio Jr. T.	<i>Chairman</i> <i>Commissioner</i> <i>Commissioner</i> <i>Commissioner</i> <i>Commissioner</i> <i>Commissioner</i> <i>Commissioner</i>
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Promulgated March 6, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 10509

WHEREAS, some registered Filipino overseas voters have been clamoring that they be allowed to vote at the embassy/consulate/post nearest their places of current residence and/or work;

WHEREAS, the Commission is cognizant of the unique status of overseas Filipinos and the fact that they are highly mobile;

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes and values the right of suffrage of every Filipino overseas voter;

Considering the foregoing and by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution, Republic Act No. 9369,¹ Republic Act No. 9189² as amended by Republic Act No. 10590,³ Batas Pambansa Bldg. 881,⁴ and other election laws, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to promulgate this Resolution in connection with the May 13, 2019 National and Local Elections:

1. All registered overseas voters with active registration status (herein referred to as "active OVs") in any Post may be allowed to vote in the embassy/consulate/post near their current places of residence or work. For this purpose, said active OVs shall manifest their intention to vote in writing before the aforesaid

¹Otherwise known as, "An Act Authorizing the Commission on Elections to Use an Automated Election System In The May 11, 1998 National or Local Elections and in Subsequent National and Local Electoral Exercises, to Encourage Transparency, Credibility, Fairness and Accuracy of Elections."

²Otherwise known as "Act Providing for a System of Overseas Absentee Voting by Qualified Citizens of the Philippines Abroad, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes."

³Otherwise known as "An Act Amending Republic Act No. 9189, Entitled "Act Providing for a System of Overseas Absentee Voting by Qualified Citizens of the Philippines Abroad, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes."

⁴Otherwise known as "Omnibus Election Code of the Philippines."

embassy/consulate/post concerned. Said Manifestation of Intent to Vote is hereto attached as Annex "A";

2. Upon receipt by the embassy/consulate/post concerned of said manifestation, said overseas voter shall be required to present a valid voter's ID or any competent document to prove his/her identity;
3. The embassy/consulate/post concerned shall then verify the status of registration of said overseas voter by communicating with the Commission, through the Office for Overseas Voting ("OFOV") hotlines, to determine the status of said overseas voter and the Post where he/she has registered. OFOV hotlines are as follows:

Tel No. : (632) 522-22-51
(632) 521-29-52

E-mail : overseasvoting@comelec.gov.ph

Facebook : COMELEC Office for Overseas Voting

Facebook Page : Office For Overseas Voting PH
<http://www.facebook.com/overseasvotingph>

4. If after verification, the status of said overseas voter is established as active, the OFOV shall forthwith issue the corresponding authority to the Special Board of Election Inspectors ("SBEI") of the embassy/consulate/post concerned allowing said active OV to vote in the embassy/consulate/post concerned;
5. If said overseas voter is not a registered voter or has been deactivated, said overseas voter shall not be allowed to vote.
6. The SBEI of the embassy/consulate/post concerned where the active OV will be allowed to vote shall manually write the name of the active OV in OVF No. 2-A and annotate therein "voter in (name of Post)" followed by the date of voting. The active OV shall likewise affix his/her signature in OVF No. 2-A in the presence of the SBEI before said active OV may be allowed to cast his/her ballot.
7. In Posts adopting personal voting where there are multiple SBEIs for voting, said active OVs shall be assigned to the last SBEI Number for this purpose.
8. The fact of voting shall be recorded in, and the authority to vote as issued by the OFOV shall be attached to the Minutes of Voting;
9. In Posts adopting postal voting, ballots for seafarers shall be used and issued to said active OV. The fact of voting shall be reflected in OVF No. 2-A by entering therein the serial numbers of the ballot, paper seal, and ballot envelope issued to the said active OV.

10. For purposes of monitoring and recording, the embassy/consulate/post concerned shall, at the end of each voting day:
- (a) Prepare a list of the names and Posts of the active OV's who were allowed to cast their votes; and
 - (b) E-mail the list to OFOV on the same day.
 - (c) The OFOV shall, on a daily basis:
 - a. Update its list of active voters who were allowed to vote pursuant to these guidelines; and
 - b. E-mail the updates to all Posts.
 - (d) The Posts shall, upon receipt of the updated list from the OFOV, distribute the list to all SBEIs for their information and guidance.
11. The SBEI in the Post where said active OV is originally registered shall annotate in OVF No. 2-A, the fact of voting by said active OV by annotating the phrase "voted in (name of embassy/consulate/post where active OV voted) on (date of voting)"

SO ORDERED.


SHER D. MABAS
Chairman


AL A. PARRENO
Commissioner


LUITITO F. GUIA
Commissioner


MA. ROWENA AMELIA V. GUANZON
Commissioner


SOCORRO B. INTENG
Commissioner


MARLON S. CASCOJO
Commissioner


ANTONIO T. KHO, JR.
Commissioner

ANNEX "A"

MANIFESTATION OF INTENT TO VOTE

Name of Voter : _____
Present Address : _____
Date of Birth : _____
Registered Overseas Voter in : _____

I hereby declare under oath that I did not receive any ballot nor cast my vote in _____ or in any other Post during the 30-day voting period for the May 13, 2019 National and Local Elections.

Signature of voter above printed name

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____, 2019 at the _____

SBEI Chairperson