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No. 218, s. 1997

COMELEC RESOLUTION NO. 2934  
ON GENERAL REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

TO : Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. Inclosed are copies of promulgated Resolution No. 2934 of the Commission on Election En Banc in connection with the Deputization of Government Departments/Agencies, including the Armed Forces of the Philippines, prescribing their Duties and Functions in the General Registration of Voters on June 14, 15, 21 and 22, 1997.
2. Particular attention is invited to the provisions pertaining to the Department of Education, Culture and Sports for compliance thereof.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

  
RICARDO T. GLORIA  
Secretary

Incl.: As stated

Reference: None

Allotment: 1-2-3--(M.O. 1-87)

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COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS  
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COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS  
EDUCATION HALL  
MANILA

*June 05-1997  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE DEPUTATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, PRESCRIBING THEIR DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS IN THE GENERAL REGISTRATION OF VOTERS ON JUNE 14, 15, 21 AND 22, 1997.

PRESENT :

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| <b>PARDO</b> , Bernardo P.,     | Chairman     |
| <b>MAAMBONG</b> , Regalado E.,  | Commissioner |
| <b>FERNANDO</b> , Remedios AS., | Commissioner |
| <b>COROSPE</b> , Manolo B.,     | Commissioner |
| <b>DESAMITO</b> , Julio F.,     | Commissioner |
| <b>FLORES</b> , Teresita DL.,   | Commissioner |
| <b>GUIANI</b> , Japal M.,       | Commissioner |

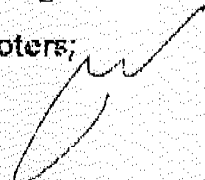
Promulgated: 05 June 1997

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2934**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 8189 provides that the Commission on Elections shall undertake a general registration of voters before the board of election inspectors on June 14, 15, 21 and 22, 1997, and subject to the discretion of the Commission, on June 28 and 29, 1997 in accordance with the Act;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission recognizes the need for assistance from law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the government, including the AFP, to ensure the holding of free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible general 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 Republic Acts 6646 and 8189, hereby RESOLVE to deputize, with concurrence of the President of the Philippines, the following agencies and instrumentalities of the government and prescribing their duties and functions in connection with the general registration of voters.

**I. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS**

A. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports and its Secretary and Undersecretaries, who shall coordinate with and assist the Commission in the implementation of all orders and instructions relative to the duties and functions of public school teachers and such other measures as are necessary for the orderly holding thereof, including the use of all public school buildings designated as polling places;

B. Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors, Provincial and City Superintendents of Schools or Officers-In-Charge thereof, in their respective regions provinces and cities, under the direct and exclusive supervision of the Commission. These school officials shall submit immediately to the election officer concerned not later than June 2, 1997 the names of public school teachers whom they recommend for appointment as chairmen and members and their

substitutes in the board of election inspectors, as well as chairmen and members and their substitutes in the board of canvassers;

The Election Officer shall appoint public school teachers as chairmen or members of boards of election inspectors.

The board of election inspectors shall issue the proper receipt stating clearly the date, number of pads and sets and corresponding quantities and serial numbers of the Voters Registration Forms (CEF No. 1). The election officer shall submit a written report within five days after registration day to the Election Records and Statistics Department, Commission on Elections, Manila, of the quantities and serial numbers of the VRR's received from the Commission and the corresponding distribution per precinct and those which were not returned to him by the board immediately after adjournment of the proceedings of the board on the last registration day.

## II. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

The Department of Finance and its Secretary, Undersecretaries, Bureau Directors and other officials and employees.



- A. During the registration period, all provincial and municipal treasurers shall remain in their present assignments and shall not be transferred or detailed, whether temporarily or permanently, to another province, or municipality, except upon prior written approval of the Commission; no employee holding a temporary appointment shall be designated as Officer-in-charge or Acting Municipal Treasurer in any municipality;
- B. Except upon prior written authority of the Commission, no provincial, city or municipal treasurer shall be granted leave from office during the period starting one week before and up to one week after the last registration day. He shall at all times assign a responsible person in his office to receive all communications from the Commission or from any of its duly authorized officials or representatives relative to registration matters to ensure immediate action thereon.

### III. DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

- A. The Department of National Defense, its Secretary, the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Commanding General of the Philippine Army, the Flag Officer-in-Command of the Philippine Navy and the Commanding General of the Philippine Air Force, and all the officers and enlisted personnel under their



respective commands including ROTC/CMT cadets and auxilliary  
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The above-named officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines  
and their subordinates shall have the following duties and functions as  
deputies of the Commission;

1. To provide security to polling places and members of the  
board of election inspectors when requested;
2. To provide security to the personnel of the Commission and  
other civilian employees of the government performing  
registration duties;
3. To make available certain facilities, such as land, air and  
watercraft, communication systems and other equipment,  
when requested in connection with the delivery and retrieval  
of registration documents, supplies, forms, paraphernalia and  
equipment;
4. To Look into the existence of any armed group organized to  
commit, or which is committing or about to commit, acts of  
terrorism or threats to intimidate or coerce any person to register

or not to register, and to suppress or to prevent said acts of terrorism or threats;

5. To assist the Commission in implementing more effectively election laws and rules and regulations, particularly the laws governing prohibition against persons, the confiscation of unlicensed firearms, and the prohibition on carrying of firearms or deadly weapons inside the polling place or within one hundred (100) meters radius thereof, during the registration hours and days fixed by law;
6. To conduct a periodic assessment of the peace and order conditions in critical areas and to recommend measures which may be adopted by the Commission in the interest of free, honest, orderly, peaceful and credible registration; and
7. To comply with and/or implement directives or resolutions which the Commission may issue or promulgate from time to time.



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**IV. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
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- A. The Department of Interior and Local Government, and its Secretary, Undersecretaries and other officials and employees, the other officials and employees, the Chairman and Commissioners of the Philippine National Police, its Director General, and other officers and enlisted personnel.

As such deputy, the Director General, PNP, is hereby placed under the direct control and supervision of the Commission, and directed to:

1. Circularize to all law enforcement and police units and issue specific guidelines for the observance of their poll functions;
2. Submit immediately to the Commission on Elections a list of all policemen presently on security detail with officials, officers, agencies and other parties, firms or entities;
3. Refrain during the registration period from effecting changes in assignments of Regional and Provincial Directors and Unit Commanders and all PNP personnel without the prior written permission of the Commission;



4. Bring to the attention of each and every member of the PNP commands the following basic considerations:
  - a. The conduct of registration of voters is purely a civilian process and are absolutely civilian affairs which require the least possible intervention from the Armed Forces including provincial and municipal police forces or agencies; and
  - b. Orders issued by the Commission on Elections in connection with the registration of voters shall take precedence over and above other orders or directives from whatever source, except the Supreme Court and those issued in habeas corpus proceedings: *Provided, That, nothing herein contained shall be construed as in any manner, affecting or constituting an impairment of the constitutional powers of the President on the general peace-keeping functions of the Philippine National Police;*

As deputies of the Commission the above-named officers and personnel shall have the following duties and functions:

1. Provide security to any polling place, the members of the board of election inspectors, registration documents, supplies and paraphernalia and the voters whenever the need therefor arises, or



**EFFECTIVITY**

This resolution shall take effect upon its promulgation.

**DISSEMINATION**

The Education and Information Department is hereby directed to furnish all the above deputized officials and/or departments, offices, or agencies, through their respective heads, copies of this Resolution for their information and compliance.

SO ORDERED.



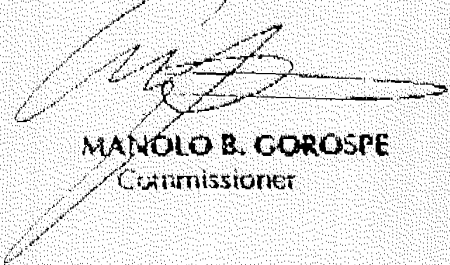
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Chairman



**REGALADO E. MAAMBONG**  
Commissioner

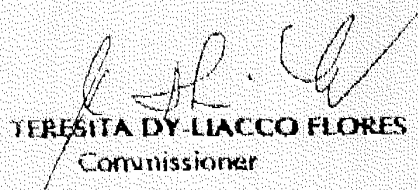
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Commissioner



**MANOLO B. GOROSPE**  
Commissioner



**JULIO F. DESAMITO**  
Commissioner



**TERESITA DY-LIACCO FLORES**  
Commissioner



**JAPAL M. GUIANG**  
Commissioner

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2. Sec. 261 (o) which prohibits the use under any guise whatsoever, directly or indirectly of any printing press, radio or television station or audio-visual equipment operated by the government or by its subdivisions, agencies or instrumentalities, including government-owned or controlled corporations, or any equipment, facility, apparatus, paraphernalia or vehicle owned by the government or by its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, including government owned or controlled corporations or by the Armed Forces of the Philippines for any partisan political activity;
  3. Sec. 261 (dd) (4) which penalizes any operator or employee of a public utility or transportation company operating under a certificate of public convenience who refuses to carry official Comelec mail matters free of charge during the registration period;
- B. Direct its agents to apprehend violators of the aforesaid provisions of the Omnibus Election Code and refer such violations to the Commission, thru its Regional Election Directors or Provincial Election Supervisors, for appropriate action;

Perform such other duties and functions which the Commission may hereafter direct.

**V. THE PHILIPPINE POSTAL CORPORATION, THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICE, AND THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

The Philippine Postal Corporation, its Postmaster General, Bureau of Telecommunications, its Directors and the National Telecommunications Commission, its Commissioner, including their officials and employees.

- A. Instruct their respective personnel and the management of all private telecommunications firms to give special preference to, and effect immediate transmission and delivery of mails, messages and telegrams of the Commission, its field personnel and its deputies during the registration period; and between and among the Commission's field offices, its deputies and other assisting agencies until after the transmittal of the registration reports;
- B. Impress upon such personnel and management that non-compliance with the provisions of Sec. 9 of the Omnibus Election Code on preferential transmission of official mails, messages and telegrams relative to the registration constitutes an election offense punishable under Sec. 262 of said Code.
- C. Require sufficient number of personnel to receive, transmit and deliver registration messages on the day before registration days and five days thereafter; and
- D. Make operational all their stations during the registration period.



whenever the Commission through the election officers or task force or action teams, if any, so require;

2. Provide security to the personnel and representatives of the Commission performing registration duties and functions whenever requested or required by the Commission;
3. Take steps and measures to protect registrants from threats, intimidation, coercion, harassment or reprisal;
4. Enforce the provisions of Section 261 of the Omnibus Election Code as amended by R.A. No. 7166 on the following prohibited acts:
  - a) Paragraph (p) on firearms and deadly weapons;
  - b) Ban on dispensing, selling and taking of intoxicating liquor on registration day;
5. Take steps and measures to prevent private security agencies from being converted into private armies of any prospective candidate or political party, coalition of political parties, groups or organizations or individuals harassing or intimidating applicants for registration;

6. Perform such other functions and duties or implement such other directives as the Commission may prescribe or issue from time to time.

The Director-General, PNP, shall render periodic reports on actions taken in accordance with this deputation.

## V. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Department of Transportation and Communications, thru its Secretary, and all agencies/offices under it.

- A. Circularize to all owners and operators of land, air and sea transportation facilities and telecommunication services under certificates of public convenience, franchises or other forms of authorization which are operating or doing business in the registration areas, the following prohibitions under the Omnibus Election Code which may be committed through the use of such facilities or services with a warning that they will be held criminally liable as principals, accomplices or accessories as evidence may warrant:

1. Prohibiting any person, political party or organization or any group of persons from giving or accepting, free of charge, directly or indirectly transportation, on the day preceding and on registration day;