

Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
 Intramuros, Manila

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING: 1) POLITICAL CONVENTIONS; 2) SUBMISSION OF NOMINEES OF GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING UNDER THE PARTY-LIST SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATION; 3) FILING OF CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION OF AND ACCEPTANCE BY OFFICIAL CANDIDATES OF REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES OR COALITIONS OF POLITICAL PARTIES; AND 4) FILING OF ACCREDITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE DOMINANT MAJORITY PARTY, DOMINANT MINORITY PARTY, TEN (10) MAJOR NATIONAL PARTIES AND TWO (2) MAJOR LOCAL PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 9, 2016 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS.

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RESOLUTION NO. 9984

The Commission on Elections, by virtue of the 1987 Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, Republic Act No. 7941, Republic Act No. 7166, Republic Act No. 9369, and other election laws, hereby RESOLVES to promulgate the following RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING: 1) POLITICAL CONVENTIONS; 2) SUBMISSION OF NOMINEES OF GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING UNDER THE PARTY-LIST SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATION; 3) FILING OF CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION OF AND ACCEPTANCE BY OFFICIAL CANDIDATES OF REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES

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RULE I

A. POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

Section 1. Holding of Political Conventions. - Political parties (PP) may hold political conventions to nominate their official candidates from September 12-30, 2015.


B. LIST OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES WITH SPECIMEN SIGNATURES

Section 2. Authorized Signatories and Specimen Signatures of Political Parties. - The PP or a coalition of political parties (Coalition) shall personally submit to the Law Department a list of their authorized signatories.

The List of Authorized Signatories shall include three specimen signatures, their positions in the PP and their respective jurisdictions or places of authority to nominate and sign the Certificate of Nomination and Acceptance (CONA) of their official candidates.

The PP or Coalition shall provide their choice of acronym and its abbreviation in not more than six characters, taking into account the 30-character limitation of the name to appear on the official ballot of a candidate. In case of failure to provide such acronym and abbreviation, the Law Department shall *motu proprio* determine the acronym of the PP.

A sample form of the List of Authorized Signatories with Specimen Signatures is attached as *Annex "A"*.

Section 3. Effect of Failure to Submit List of Authorized Signatories with Specimen Signatures. - Failure to submit the List of Authorized Signatories with Specimen Signatures by the registered PP or 

Coalition within the stipulated period shall result in the declaration of their nominees as independent candidates.

The last day to submit the List of Authorized Signatories with Specimen Signatures shall be on **9 October 2015**.

C. CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION AND CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINEES OF PARTY-LIST GROUPS

Section 4. Filing of Certificate of Nomination and Certificate of Acceptance of Nominees of Party-List Groups. - The Certificate of Nomination and Certificate of Acceptance of nominees of a PP, sectoral party, organization or Coalition shall be under oath, in five copies, in the form prescribed by the Commission and to be submitted within the period fixed herein.

The Certificate of Acceptance shall be filed simultaneously with the Certificate of Nomination.

Section 5. Contents and Form of the Certificate of Nomination. - The Certificate of Nomination of a PP, sectoral party, organization or Coalition shall contain the following:

1. Name of the PP, sectoral party, organization or Coalition;
2. Name of the Chairperson/President/Secretary-General of the nominating PP, sectoral party, organization or Coalition;
3. Name and Address of all the nominees;
4. A certification that the nominees have all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications of nominees and that they are not candidates for any elective office or have lost in their bid for an elective office in the immediately preceding election;
5. A documentary stamp in the amount of Fifteen Pesos (Php15.00);
6. The signature and attestation under oath, either by the Party Chairperson, President, Secretary-General or any other duly authorized officer of the nominating party;

A sample form of the Certificate of Nomination is attached as *Annex "B"*.

Section 6. Contents and Form of Certificate of Acceptance of Nominees of Party-List Groups. - The Certificate of Acceptance of

nominees of a PP, sectoral party, organization or Coalition shall contain the following:

1. Name of the nominee;
2. Name of the PP, sectoral party, organization or coalition;
3. Date and place of birth of the nominee;
4. Age;
5. Gender;
6. Civil status;
7. Profession or occupation;
8. Address or residence;
9. Contact number;
10. Number of years residing in the Philippines immediately preceding the election;
11. That the nominee is a natural-born Filipino citizen;
12. That the nominee is eligible for the office for which said nominee is nominated;
13. That the nominee possesses all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications;
14. That the nominee will support and defend the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines and will maintain true faith and allegiance thereto;
15. That the nominee will obey the laws, legal orders, decrees, resolutions, rules and regulations promulgated and issued by the duly constituted authorities;
16. That the nominee assumes the foregoing obligations voluntarily without mental reservation or purpose of evasion;
17. That the facts stated in the certificate are true and correct to the best of the nominee's personal knowledge;
18. Original signature of the nominee;
19. Passport-size photograph of the nominee taken within the last six months;
20. Thumb mark of the nominee;
21. A documentary stamp in the amount of Fifteen Pesos (Php15.00);

A sample form of the Certificate of Acceptance is attached as *Annex "C"*.

Section 7. Period and Place for Filing Certificate of Nomination and Certificate of Acceptance of Nominees of Party-list Groups. - The Certificate of Nomination and Certificate of Acceptance of nominees of party-list groups shall be filed on any day from **October 12-16, 2015**, during office hours from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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The Certificate of Nomination and Certificate of Acceptance of nominees of party-list groups shall be filed before the Law Department, copy furnished the Office of the Clerk of the Commission.

Section 8. Effects of Acceptance of Nomination. - Any person holding a public appointive office or position, including active members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and other officers and employees in government-owned or -controlled corporations, shall be considered *ipso facto* resigned from the office and must vacate the same at the start of the day of the filing of Certificates of Nomination and Acceptance.

For purposes of this section, a public officer holding a public appointive office or position shall be deemed to include private citizens appointed to public offices representing the private sector.

Section 9. Preparation of the Certified List of Nominees. - On **October 30, 2015**, the Law Department shall prepare the Certified List of Nominees in five copies.

D. CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICIAL CANDIDATES

Section 10. Filing of Certificate of Nomination and Acceptance. The CONA shall be in the form prescribed by the Commission, under oath, in five copies, filed simultaneously with the Certificate of Candidacy (COC), and stamped "received" in the same manner as the COC.

Section 11. Contents and Form of Certificate of Nomination and Acceptance. - The CONA of the candidates of the duly registered PP or Coalition shall contain the following:

1. Name of the PP or Coalition;
2. Name and original signature of the authorized officer of the nominating party;
3. Jurisdiction or Place of Authority to sign the CONA of the authorized officer of the nominating party;
4. Signature of the nominee;



A sample form of the Certificate of Nomination and Acceptance is attached as *Annex "D"*.

Section 12. Allowed Number of Nominations.- No duly registered PP or Coalition shall be allowed to nominate more than the number of candidates required to be voted for in a particular elective position.

If the PP or Coalition nominated more than the number of candidates required to be voted for in a particular elective position, all of the nominations shall be denied due course by the Commission, and the aspirants shall be declared independent candidates.

RULE II

FILING OF CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY

Section 1. Certificate of Candidacy.- No person can run for the position of President, Vice-President, Senator, Member of the House of Representatives, Provincial, City, Municipal or ARMM Regional official unless such aspirant accomplishes a sworn COC in the form prescribed by the Commission.

No person shall be eligible for more than one office to be filled in the same election.

Section 2. Effect of Filing a Certificate of Candidacy for More Than One Office. - An aspirant who files a COC for more than one office shall not be eligible for any of them. However, the aspirant may personally file with the proper Office in accordance with Section 8, Rule II hereof, a sworn Statement of Cancellation/Withdrawal to maintain the desired office and cancel the COC for the other office or office/s, stating the reasons therefor and attaching thereto the consent of the nominating party, if any, before the expiration of the period for the filing of COC.

Section 3. Contents and Form of Statement of Cancellation/Withdrawal if Not Personally Filed. - An aspirant or an authorized representative may file the Statement of Cancellation/Withdrawal; Provided that, the authorized representative shall present an originally signed Authority to Submit Statement of Cancellation/Withdrawal. The originally signed Authority to Submit Statement of Cancellation/Withdrawal shall be

under oath and containing the specimen signature of both the principal and the agent.

Sample forms of the Statement of Cancellation/Withdrawal and Authority to Submit Statement of Cancellation/Withdrawal are attached as *Annexes "E" and "E-1"*, respectively.

Section 4. Contents and Form of Certificate of Candidacy. - The COC shall be under oath and shall state:

- a. office aspired for;
- b. name of the aspirant;
- c. age;
- d. gender;
- e. civil status;
- f. place and date of birth;
- g. citizenship, whether natural-born or naturalized;
- h. the duly registered PP or Coalition to which the aspirant belongs, if any;
- i. if married, the name of the spouse;
- j. address for election purposes;
- k. legal residence, giving the exact address and the number of years residing in:
 - i) the Philippines and whenever applicable,
 - ii) the place where the aspirant intends to be elected up to the day before the election;
- l. the barangay, city or municipality and province where the aspirant is a registered voter or will be a registered voter;
- m. profession or occupation or employment;
- n. that the aspirant is eligible for said office;
- o. that the aspirant is not a permanent resident or an immigrant to a foreign country;
- p. that the aspirant will file, with the Commission, within 30 days after Election Day, a full, true and itemized Statement of Contributions and Expenditures (SOCE) in connection with the election;
- q. that the aspirant will support and defend the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines and will maintain true faith and allegiance thereto;
- r. that the aspirant will obey the laws, legal orders, decrees, resolutions, rules and regulations promulgated and issued by the duly constituted authorities;
- s. that the aspirant assumes the foregoing obligations voluntarily without mental reservation or purpose of evasion;

- t. that the facts stated in the certificate are true and correct to the best of the aspirant's knowledge;

Unless there was an official change of name through a court-approved proceeding, an aspirant shall use in the COC: (1) the name registered in the Office of the Local Civil Registrar; (2) the name by which such aspirant has been baptized; or (3) any other name under the provisions of existing law or in the case of a Muslim, a Hadji name after performing the prescribed religious pilgrimage. However, when there are two or more aspirants for an office with the same name and surname, each aspirant, shall need to state a paternal and maternal surname, except the incumbent who may continue to use the name and surname stated in the COC when last elected.

An aspirant may include one nickname or stage name by which aspirant is generally or popularly known in their locality; Provided that, no aspirant shall use the nickname or stage name of another. Only one nickname or stage name shall be considered.

An aspirant shall also affix a passport-size photograph taken within the last six months, a bio-data and program of government not exceeding 100 words.

A P15.00 documentary stamp shall be attached to the COC.

The COC shall be sworn to before a Notary Public or any official authorized to administer oath. COMELEC employees are not authorized to administer oath, even in their capacities as notary public.

The forms of the COC are attached as *Annexes "F" to "F-13"*.

Section 5. Candidate's Name to Appear on the Official Ballot. - The following will appear on the official ballots: Candidate's Surname; First name OR nickname; and Acronym of the PP or Coalition which collectively **shall not exceed 30 characters.**

Section 6. Name to Appear on the Official Ballot of Married Female Candidates. - Married female candidates may either use their maiden name or married name or both, whichever they prefer, subject to the 30-character limitation.

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Thus, such aspirant shall provide the following data in the Name to Appear on the Official Ballot (Item No. 4 of the Certificate of Candidacy):

- i. Last Name (*in case of a married female candidate, her maiden name OR married name OR both*)
- ii. First Name OR Nickname
- iii. PP or Coalition (Acronym only)

Example for a married female candidate:

Dela Cruz-Reyes Maria Torres
Surname First Name Middle Name

use of maiden name	Dela Cruz, Maria (PP)
use of married name	Reyes, Maria (PP)
use of both maiden and married name	Dela Cruz-Reyes, Maria (PP)

In excess of 30 characters

Dela Cruz-Reyes Maria Luzviminda Torres
Surname First Name Middle Name

The name to appear shall be: Dela Cruz-Reyes, Maria (PP)

Section 7. Guidelines in Case of Failure to Indicate the Name to Appear on the Official Ballot, or if the Desired Name is Not in Accordance with the Guidelines, or if it is in Excess of the Required Number of Characters. - The Law Department shall *motu proprio* determine the name to appear on the official ballot of the candidate, taking into consideration the name of the candidate as stated in Item No. 1 of the COC, if a candidate fails to indicate the desired name to appear on the official ballot, or the desired name is not in accordance with the guidelines, or is in excess of the required number of characters, *e.g.*:

Name of the Candidate in the COC	Nickname of the Candidate in the	Name to Appear in the Ballot (as provided by the candidate in	Name to Appear in the Official Ballot (must not exceed 30 characters

	COC	the COC)	including spacing, “()”, and acronym of PP)
Dela Cruz, Juan Manuel Miguel Torres	Miggy, JM	Dela Cruz, Mike	Dela Cruz, Juan Manuel (PP)
Dela Cruz, Juan Manuel Miguel Torres	Juan	Torres, Juan Manuel	Dela Cruz, Juan Manuel (PP)
Dela Cruz, Juan Manuel Miguel Torres	Dela Cruz	Juan Manuel Dela Cruz	Dela Cruz, Juan Manuel (PP)
Dela Cruz, Juan Manuel Miguel Torres	JM Torres	Dela Cruz, JM Torres	Dela Cruz, JM Torres (PP)
Dela Cruz, Juana Manuela Torres	Jane	Jane Torres	Dela Cruz, Jane (PP)
Dela Cruz, Juana Manuela Torres	Dakilang Ina	Dela Cruz, Juana Dakilang Ina	Dela Cruz, Juana Manuela (PP)
Dela Cruz, Juana Manuela Torres	Manela	Dela Cruz, Jane	Dela Cruz, Juana Manuela (PP)

Section 8. Where to File Certificate of Candidacy. – Depending on the elective positions, the COC shall be filed in five copies with the following offices:

Elective Positions	Where to file
President Vice President Senator	Law Department
Members of the House of Representatives for legislative districts in the National Capital	Office of the Regional Election Director, NCR

Region (NCR)	
Members of the House of Representatives for legislative districts in provinces	Office of the Provincial Election Supervisor concerned
Provincial Officials	
Members of the House of Representatives for legislative districts in cities outside the NCR, which comprise one or more legislative districts	Office of the City Election Officer concerned designated for the purpose by the Regional Election Director (Copies of the designation of the Election Officer shall be submitted to the Law Department on or before 30 September 2015)
City Officials of cities with more than one Election Officers	
City/Municipal Officials	Office of the City/Municipal Election Officer
ARMM Governor and Vice-Governor	Office of the ARMM Regional Election Director (Cotabato City, Zamboanga City or Marawi City)
Member, Regional Legislative Assembly, ARMM	Office of the ARMM Provincial Election Supervisor concerned

Any COC filed with the incorrect Offices shall be deemed as not filed.

The COC shall be filed by the aspirant or through a duly authorized representative with a sworn and signed Authority to File the COC.

No COC filed by mail, electronic mail, or facsimile shall be accepted.



The filing of the COC of a substitute aspirant, in case of valid substitution, shall be filed in accordance with Section 18 Rule II hereof.

No filing fee shall be imposed for the filing of the COC.

A sample form of the Authority to File COC is attached as Annex "G".

Section 9. Period for Filing of Certificates of Candidacy. The COC shall be filed on **October 12-16, 2015**, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If at 4:45 PM of the last day of filing of the COC, there are still persons intending to file COCs present inside the Offices mentioned in Section 8 Rule II hereof, the Receiving Officer shall prepare a complete list containing the names of said persons, consecutively numbered, and the time of listing. The persons listed shall be called by announcing each name in the order in which they are listed. Any person not present when the name is called, shall not be allowed to file a COC.

A COC filed in accordance with this procedure shall be stamped received at the time it was actually filed and deemed filed on time.

Section 10. Effects of Filing Certificate of Candidacy. –

a) Any person holding a public appointive office or position, including active members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and other officers and employees in government-owned or -controlled corporations, shall be considered *ipso facto* resigned from the office and must vacate the same at the start of the day of the filing of COC.

b) Any person holding an elective office or position shall not be considered resigned upon the filing of a COC whether for the same or any other elective office or position.

Section 11. Suspension of Registration of Voters. –The continuing registration of voters shall be suspended during the period of filing of COCs.

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Section 12. Independent Candidate. - An independent candidate is one who falls in any of the following circumstances:

- a. who has not been nominated by a duly registered PP or Coalition;
- b. whose CONA has been submitted by a PP or Coalition not duly registered with the Commission;
- c. who has not accepted a nomination, or has repudiated a CONA from a duly registered PP or Coalition;
- d. who accepts nominations from more than one duly registered PP or Coalition for the same constituency;
- e. whose CONA was filed after the last day of filing of COC;
- f. whose CONA was different from the position indicated in the COC which was discovered only after the last day of the filing of the COC;
- g. whose CONA was cancelled, withdrawn or substituted by the nominating party within the period for filing of COC, with the conformity of the candidate;
- h. whose CONA was signed by a person whose authority to sign CONA and specimen signature has not been submitted to the Law Department within the period prescribed by Section 2, Rule II hereof;
- i. who has submitted two CONAs from the same PP but signed by two different officials, both of whom are authorized signatories of the party; and
- j. who has submitted a CONA from the individual members of the Coalition.

A CONA must come from the Coalition, if the PP is a member of a Coalition.

A candidate who accepts nominations from both a national and a local registered PP shall not be considered as an independent candidate.

Section 13. Ministerial Duty of Receiving and Acknowledging Receipt of Certificates of Candidacy/Nomination and Acceptance; Recording. - The Receiving Officer shall have the ministerial duty to receive and acknowledge the receipt of the COC and CONA; Provided that, they are filed in conformity with the rules and regulations. The Receiving Officer shall stamp every copy of each

Certificate with the date and actual time of receipt and affix a signature thereon.

The Receiving Officer shall enter in a record book, the following data, leaving no space between entries:

- a. date and actual time of receipt;
- b. assigned consecutive number thereof;
- c. full name of the candidate;
- d. the office for which the candidate is seeking election;
- e. the nominating political party or coalition of political parties or the party to which the candidate belongs, if any;
- f. the number of copies received;
- g. the name of the authorized representative, if the certificate is not filed personally by the candidate; and
- h. the name of the Receiving Officer.

The Receiving Officer shall immediately close the record book by placing a line immediately after the last entry and writing the word "closed" after the time allowed for the filing of the COC. The Receiving Officer shall then affix a signature immediately below the word "closed" and indicate the date and exact time of closing.

Section 14. Watchers of Independent Candidates, Political Parties and Accredited Citizens' Arms. - An independent candidate, PP, or accredited citizen's arm may appoint one watcher each in connection with the filing of the COCs. The watcher, who shall present an appointment paper to the Receiving Officer, shall be allowed to stay within the premises of the receiving Office. Any watcher may report to the Commission any irregularity observed during the proceedings.

Watchers shall be entitled to secure from the Receiving Officer, a copy of the full list of those who filed their COCs and their respective positions for which they intend to be elected.

If all watchers cannot be accommodated in the area for filing of COCs, preference shall be given to the watcher of the dominant majority and dominant minority parties as determined by the Commission in the May 13, 2013 National and Local Elections and the watchers of the Citizen's Arms, the Parish Pastoral Council for

Responsible Voting (PPCRV) with the PPCRV giving preferential position closest to the Receiving Officer.

Section 15. Reports of the Certificates of Candidacy Received. – The Head of the Receiving Office shall:

- a. print a Certified List of Candidates as entered in the record book, affix a signature thereon and submit it, either through facsimile or electronic mail (*comelec.law@gmail.com*) in PDF format, to the Commission, through the Law Department; and
- b. using the program and the format provided by the Information Technology Department (ITD), encode the candidates' information and save the same in two (2) compact discs (CDs).

The Head of the Receiving Office shall make sure that the candidate's information encoded in the compact discs are **accurate and complete** as stated in the COC of the candidate.

The Receiving Officer shall submit a Certified List of Candidates to the Law Department not later than **October 17, 2015**.

Section 16. Preparation of the Certified List of Candidates. - Immediately after the last day for filing of COCs, the following shall prepare a Certified List of Candidates in five copies:

ELECTIVE POSITION	IMPLEMENTING OFFICE
President, Vice President and Senator	Law Department
a.) Members of the House of Representatives in the legislative districts in the NCR; and b.) City/Municipal Positions in the NCR.	NCR: a.) Regional Election Director, NCR; b.) City/Municipal Election Officer concerned;
Members of the House of Representatives for legislative	outside NCR:

districts and Provincial, City and Municipal Positions.	Provincial Election Supervisor concerned;
Governor, Vice-Governor and Members of the Regional Legislative Assembly.	ARMM: Regional Election Director, ARMM;

Section 17. Delivery and Distribution of the Reports on the Certificates of Candidacy Received. – The Record Book, Certified List of Candidates, CDs, and original copies of the COCs and CONAs shall, not later than **October 19, 2015**, be delivered and distributed as follows:

From/ Office concerned	Position	To
NCR Regional Director	Member of the House of Representatives for positions in the legislative districts in the NCR	Law Department
NCR Election Officer/s	All positions except Member of the House of Representatives for positions in the legislative districts in the NCR	Law Department
Provincial Election Supervisor/s	All positions within their area of jurisdiction	Law Department
ARMM Regional Election Director	All positions in the ARMM	Law Department

The Election Records and Statistics Department (ERSD) shall likewise receive a copy of the Certified Lists of Candidates, second copy of the COCs and CONAs, and one CD.

The remaining three copies of the COCs and CONAs shall be retained by the Receiving Office.

Section 18. *Withdrawal of Certificate of Candidacy.* - Any candidate may personally file, at any time before Election Day and subject to Section 19, Rule II hereof, a sworn Statement of Cancellation/Withdrawal, in five original copies, with the Office where the COC was filed.

No Statement of Cancellation/Withdrawal filed by a person other than the candidate or if filed by mail, electronic mail, or facsimile shall be accepted.

The Regional Election Director, Provincial Election Supervisor, or the Election Officer concerned shall notify the Law Department, either through facsimile or electronic mail (*comelec.law@gmail.com*) in PDF format, upon receipt of the sworn Statement of Cancellation/Withdrawal, stating the following:

- a. name of the withdrawing candidate;
- b. position aspired for;
- c. nominating political party or coalition of political parties, if any; and
- d. name of the substitute, if any.

On the same day, the Receiving Officer shall immediately forward to the Law Department, two original copies of the sworn Statement of Cancellation/Withdrawal, retaining three copies thereof for file. The Law Department shall, in turn, forward the other copy to the ERSD.

The filing of a Statement of Cancellation/Withdrawal of a COC shall not affect whatever civil, criminal or administrative liability a candidate may have incurred.

A sample form of the Statement of Cancellation/Withdrawal has been previously attached as *Annex "E"*.

Section 19. *Substitution of Candidates in Case of Death, Disqualification or Withdrawal of Another.* - An official candidate

of a duly registered PP or Coalition who dies, withdraws or is disqualified for any cause after the last day for the filing of COCs may be substituted by a candidate belonging to, and nominated by, the same PP or Coalition.

No substitute shall be allowed for any independent candidate.

The substitute of a candidate who has withdrawn may file a COC for the Office affected on or before **December 10, 2015** so that the name of the substitute will be reflected on the official ballots.

No substitution due to withdrawal shall be allowed after **December 10, 2015**.

The substitute for a candidate who died or is disqualified by final judgment, may file a COC up to mid-day of Election Day; Provided that, the substitute and the substituted have the same surnames.

If the death or disqualification should occur between the day before the election and mid-day of Election Day, the substitute candidate may file a COC with any Board of Election Inspectors, Election Officers, Provincial Election Supervisor or Regional Election Director, as the case may be, in the political subdivision where such person is a candidate, or in the case of a candidate for President, Vice-President or Senator, with the Law Department; Provided that, the substitute and the substituted candidate have the same surnames.

RULE III

FILING OF PETITION FOR ACCREDITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE DOMINANT MAJORITY PARTY, DOMINANT MINORITY PARTY, TEN MAJOR NATIONAL PARTIES AND TWO MAJOR LOCAL PARTIES

Section 1. Who May File. - A PP duly registered with the Commission may file a verified petition for accreditation for determination of dominant majority party, the dominant minority party, the ten major national parties, and the two major local parties.

The Clerk of the Commission shall receive the petition and docket the same as SPP (DM).

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Section 2. When to File. – The petition shall be filed not later than **November 9, 2015**. Petitioner shall allege in its petition such facts that will entitle it to accreditation.

Section 3. Criteria for Determining the Dominant Majority Party, Dominant Minority Party, Ten Major National Parties and Two Major Local Parties. – The dominant majority party, the dominant minority party, the ten major national parties and the two major local parties shall be determined on the basis of the following criteria.

(a) The established record of the said parties, coalition of groups that now composed them, taking into account among other things, their showing in past elections;

(b) The number of incumbent elective officials belonging to them on the last day of the filing of the COC;

(c) Their identifiable political organizations and strengths as evidenced by their organized chapters;

(d) The ability fill a complete slate of candidates from the municipal level to the position of the President; and

(e) Other analogous circumstances that may determine their relative organizations and strengths.

The petitioner shall include in its petition, pertinent data and statistics to support its arguments in accordance with the above criteria.

Section 4. Filing Fee.– A fee of Ten Thousand and One Hundred (P10,100.00) Pesos for filing and legal research fee shall be paid at the Cash Division of this Commission.

RULE IV

COMMON PROVISIONS

Section 1. Forms. – All forms mentioned herein are available at the COMELEC Offices for free and may be photocopied, reproduced or downloaded from the COMELEC official website (www.comelec.gov.ph).

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Section 2. Effectivity. - This Resolution shall take effect on the seventh day after its publication in two daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines;

Section 3. Dissemination. - The Education and Information Department shall cause the publication of this Resolution in two daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines and furnish copies of this Resolution to all field officials of the Commission.

SO ORDERED.



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Chairman



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