

Republic of the Philippines  
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS  
Manila

IN THE MATTER OF PROVIDING THE DISTRIBUTION AND SUBMISSION OF ELECTION RETURNS FOR POSTS ADOPTING THE AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM UNDER R.A. 9189 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE OVERSEAS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT OF 2003" AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10590, FOR PURPOSES OF THE MAY 9, 2016 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS.

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RESOLUTION No. 10063 *[Signature]*

WHEREAS, two (2) voting systems will be adopted for overseas voting, namely:  
1) The Manual Election System, and 2) The Automated Election System.

WHEREAS, for purposes of transparency and to comply with the requirements of R.A. 9369 and other pertinent laws, there is a need to identify the recipients of Election Returns (ERs) for the automated election system;

WHEREAS, it is also imperative to provide for the procedures on the submission of ERs by the Special Board of Election Inspectors (SBEI) to the Special Board of Canvassers (SBOC) and the payment of travelling expenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission on Elections, pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Constitution, Batas Pambansa Blg. 881 (Omnibus Election Code), Republic Act No. 9189 (The Overseas Absentee Voting Act of 2003) as amended by Republic Act No. 10590, Republic Act No. 9369 and other election laws, RESOLVED to promulgate, as it hereby promulgates, the herein guidelines on the distribution of ERs and submission of copies intended for the SBOC, the Congress and the Commission.

**Section 1. Distribution of ERs.** - The ERs shall be distributed as follows:

- 1) The first copy shall be delivered to the Special Board of Canvassers;
- 2) The second copy, to the Congress, directed to the President of the Senate;
- 3) The third copy, to the Commission;

- 4) The fourth copy, to the citizens' arm authorized by the Commission to conduct an unofficial count;
- 5) The fifth copy, to the dominant majority party as determined by the Commission in accordance with law;
- 6) The sixth copy, to the dominant minority party as determined by the Commission in accordance with law;
- 7) The seventh copy, for posting;
- 8) The eighth copy shall be deposited inside the compartment of the ballot box for valid ballots.
- 9) The ninth to the eighteenth copies, to the ten (10) accredited major national parties, excluding the dominant majority and minority parties, in accordance with a voluntary agreement among them. If no such agreement is reached, the Commission shall decide which parties shall receive the copies on the basis of the criteria provided in Section 26 of Republic Act No. 7166;
- 10) The nineteenth and twenty second copies, to national broadcast or print media entities as may be equitably determined by the Commission in view of propagating the copies to the widest extent possible.

**Sec. 2. Submission of ERs, minutes of voting, and main and back up SD cards.**

- Copies of the ERs intended for the SBOC, the Congress and the Commission, Minutes of Voting intended for the Commission and envelopes containing the main and back-up SD cards shall be submitted as follows:

1. If the venue of the canvassing is within the premises of the Philippine Embassy (PE) or Philippine Consulate General (PCG) where the voting and counting were conducted, all SBEIs are mandated to personally submit copies of the ERs, Minutes of Voting and envelopes containing the main and back-up SD cards to the SBOC;
2. If the venue of the canvassing is outside the country/territory of PE or PCG, the following procedures shall be observed:
  - a) The following Posts shall submit the elections results to the SBOC convening at the following venue:
    1. Beijing PE, Chongqing PCG, Guangzhou PCG, Macau PCG, MECO Kaohsiung, MECO Taipei, MECO Taichung, Shanghai PCG and Xiamen PCG to Hong Kong PCG;
    2. Manado PCG to Jakarta PE;
    3. Dubai PCG to Abu Dhabi PE;
    4. Jeddah PCG and POLO Al Khobar to Riyadh PE;



5. Osaka PCG to Tokyo PE;
  6. Sydney PCG to Canberra PE;
  7. Milan PCG to Rome PE;
  8. Geneva PM to Berne PE;
  9. Toronto PCG and Vancouver PCG to Ottawa PE;
  10. Chicago PCG, Honolulu PCG, Los Angeles PCG, New York PCG and San Francisco PCG to Washington PE.
- b) The Head of Post shall designate one (1) SBEI Representative who shall represent all other SBEIs in the Post;
  - c) All SBEIs shall submit to the SBRCG copies of the ERs intended for the SBOC, the Congress and the Commission, copies of the Minutes of Voting intended for the Commission and envelopes containing the main and back-up SD cards, if applicable;
  - d) The SBRCG shall acknowledge receipt of all ERs, Minutes of Voting and envelopes containing the main and back-up SD cards submitted by SBEIs, record the quantity and condition of the documents, and turn-over the same to the SBEI Representative;
  - e) The SBEI Representative shall acknowledge receipt of the ERs, Minutes of Voting and envelopes containing the main and back-up SD cards from the SBRCG and personally submit the same to the SBOC;
  - f) The SBOC, through the Reception Group, shall acknowledge receipt of the ERs, Minutes of Voting and envelopes containing the main and back-up SD cards from the SBEI Representative.

**Sec. 3. Payment of travelling expenses.** - The SBEI Representative shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Commission of his/her travelling expenses and Daily Subsistence Allowance, if applicable, equivalent to a maximum of four (4) days subject to submission of the following documents:

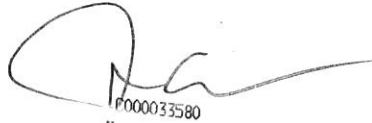
- 1) Travel Authority issued by the Head of Post;
- 2) Original copy of Ticket and official receipt;
- 3) Itinerary of Travel;
- 4) Certificate of Appearance issued by the SBOC;
- 5) Certificate of Travel Completed duly signed by Head of Post;
- 6) Reimbursement Voucher; and
- 7) Photocopy of Passport.

**Sec. 4. Dissemination.** - The Education and Information Department shall cause the publication of this Resolution in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines and to furnish the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Transportation and Communications, Philippine Postal Corporation, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, Overseas

Worker's Welfare Administration, Commission on Filipino Overseas, the Foreign Service Institute, the Social Security System and other government agencies concerned with the welfare of Filipinos overseas.

**Sec. 5. Effectivity.** - These Rules shall take effect seven (7) days after publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

**SO ORDERED.**



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Chairman



**CHRISTIAN ROBERT S. LIM**  
Commissioner



**AL A. PARREÑO**  
Commissioner



**LUE TITO F. GUIA**  
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