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BY REPRESENTATIVES TUGNA, CASTRO, CHIPECO, SALVACION, GUTIERREZ,
GARIN (S.), REYES, CO AND BATOCABE, PER COMMITTEE REPORT
NO. 583

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION
OF VOTERS DURING BARANGAY ELECTIONS, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8189, ALSO KNOWN
AS "THE VOTERS REGISTRATION ACT OF 1996"

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 8189 is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 "SEC. 9. *Who May Register.* – All citizens of the Philippines
4 not otherwise disqualified by law who are at least eighteen (18)
5 years of age, and who [shall] have resided in the Philippines for at
6 least one (1) year, and in the [place] BARANGAY, CITY OR
7 MUNICIPALITY, DISTRICT OR PROVINCE, wherein they propose to
8 vote, for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the
9 election, may register as a voter.

10 "Any person who temporarily resides in another BARANGAY,
11 city[,] OR municipality, DISTRICT, PROVINCE or IN ANOTHER

1 country solely by reason of [his] occupation, profession,
2 employment in private or public service, educational activities,
3 work in the military or naval reservations within the Philippines,
4 service in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the National Police
5 Forces, or confinement or detention in government institutions in
6 accordance with law, shall not be deemed to have lost [his] THE
7 original residence.

8 "Any person[,] who, on the day of registration, may not have
9 reached the required age or period of residence but, who, on the
10 day of the election shall possess such qualifications, may register
11 as a voter."

12 SEC. 2. Section 12 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as
13 follows:

14 "SEC. 12. *Change of Residence to Another City, [or]*
15 *Municipality OR BARANGAY.* – Any registered voter who has
16 transferred residence to another city, [or] municipality OR
17 BARANGAY may apply with the Election Officer of [his] new
18 residence for the transfer of [his] registration records.

19 "NO TRANSFER OF RESIDENCE SHALL BE ALLOWED DURING
20 THE PERIOD STARTING ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) DAYS
21 BEFORE A BARANGAY OR REGULAR ELECTION AND NINETY (90)
22 DAYS BEFORE A SPECIAL ELECTION.

23 "The application for transfer of registration shall be subject to
24 the requirements of notice and hearing and the approval of the
25 Election Registration Board, in accordance with this Act. Upon
26 approval of the application for transfer, and after notice of such
27 approval to the Election Officer of the former residence of the

1 voter, said Election Officer shall transmit by registered mail the
2 voter's registration record to the Election Officer of the voter's
3 new residence.

4 "IN CASE THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT THERE IS A
5 VIOLATION OF ELECTION LAWS, IT SHALL EXERCISE ITS POWER
6 TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE."

7 SEC. 3. Section 13 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as
8 follows:

9 "SEC. 13. *Change of Address in the Same City or*
10 *Municipality.* – Any voter who has changed [his] address in
11 the same city or municipality WHICH SHALL NOT FALL UNDER A
12 CHANGE IN BARANGAY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12, shall
13 immediately notify the Election Officer in writing. If the change
14 of address involves a change in precinct, the Board shall transfer
15 [his] THE registration record to the [precinct] book of voters of
16 [his] THE new precinct and notify the voter of [his] THE new
17 precinct. All changes of address shall be reported to the office of
18 the provincial election supervisor and the Commission in Manila."

19 SEC. 4. Section 24 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as
20 follows:

21 "SEC. 24. *National Central File.* – There shall be a
22 national central file under the custody of the Commission in
23 Manila consisting of the third copies of all approved voter
24 registration records in each city or municipality. It shall be
25 compiled by precinct in each city[/] OR municipality and arranged
26 alphabetically by surname so as to make the file a replica of
27 the book of voters in the possession of the Election Officer.

1 Thereafter, a national list shall be prepared following the
2 alphabetical arrangements of surnames of voters.

3 “There shall be a national file consisting of the computerized
4 voters’ list (CVL), both in print and in diskette, submitted by the
5 Election Officers in each city and municipality concerned, under
6 the custody of the Commission in Manila.

7 “The computerized voters’ list shall make use of a single and
8 uniform computer program that will have a detailed sorting
9 capability to list voters alphabetically by the precincts where they
10 vote, by the barangays, municipalities, cities or provinces where
11 they reside and by their voter’s identification number (VIN).

12 “**THE COMMISSION IN MANILA SHALL ENSURE THAT THE**
13 **COMPUTERIZED LIST OF VOTERS MUST BE UPDATED WITHIN**
14 **THREE (3) MONTHS FROM THE DAY OF REGULAR ELECTION AND**
15 **SHALL CONTAIN THE NAMES OF THE VOTERS WHO ACTUALLY**
16 **VOTED DURING THAT ELECTION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS**
17 **SECTION, THE COMPUTER PROGRAM MENTIONED IN THE**
18 **PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL INCLUDE THE DATE A**
19 **PARTICULAR REGISTERED VOTER LAST VOTED. THIS**
20 **INFORMATION MUST BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL ELECTION**
21 **OFFICERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF**
22 **VOTERS.”**

23 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is
24 declared invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

25 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, proclamations, executive
26 orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are
27 hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly: *Provided,* That no person

1 shall be deemed to be vested with any property or other right by virtue of the
2 enactment or operation of this Act.

3 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
4 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
5 circulation.

Approved,

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