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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 2008 - 14

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TO : ALL LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES, SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN/PANLUNGSOD/BAYAN, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, DILG FIELD OFFICERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION/ADDENDUM TO DILG MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2007-151 DATED 19 NOVEMBER 2007 RE: "CONDUCT OF THE LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY CHAPTER ELECTIONS AT ALL LEVELS"

The subject Memorandum Circular provides for the calendar of activities and the composition of the Board of Election Supervisors (BES) for the conduct of the Liga ng mga Barangay Chapter elections at all levels.

In page four (4) of aforesaid Circular, it states that:

"COMPOSITION of the BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS (BES) at all levels:

Chairman : DILG Officer

***Members : COMELEC Representative
NGO/PO Representative (to be
determined by the incumbent
Liga chapter board)***

In the absence of any member of the BES during the actual conduct of the election, the Chair of the BES shall designate the public school principal or his/her representative, as Member.

DUTIES and AUTHORITY of the BES at all levels:

1. **Resolve any controversy that may arise during the election meeting of the local Liga Chapter;**
2. **Resolve any post-proclamation electoral protest, which must be submitted in writing to the Board within twenty-four (24) hours from the close of the election;**
 - **Provided the Board shall render its decision within forty-eight (48) hours from receipt thereof; and**
 - **Provided further that said decision must be submitted to the National Liga Office within twenty-four (24) hours from the said decision.**

The decision of the BES in this respect shall be subject to review by the National Liga Board, the decision of which shall be final and executory.

3. **If the situation warrants, call upon the Philippine National Police for assistance to ensure the smooth conduct of the election.”**

From the foregoing, it seems that in the National level, the composition of the BES also includes a COMELEC and a NGO/PO representatives. However, upon careful reading of the aforesaid Circular, it can be deduced that the said BES composition only refers to local (municipal and provincial/ICC/HUC) Liga chapters.

Relatively, Article VIII of the Election Code of the Liga ng mga Barangay provides, viz:

“Section 1.2 Board of Election Supervisors.- There shall be a Board of Election Supervisors (BES) at every local Liga Chapter to be composed of the corresponding DILG officer as chairman and two (2) members preferably one from the COMELEC and the second from the different government agency/office or non-government organization (NGO) or people’s

organization (PO) as may be determined by each Liga chapter board concerned.”

“Section 1.4 Election protest on the national level shall be submitted in writing before the BES concerned which shall be composed of three (3) representatives from the DILG central office, namely: the Undersecretary for Local Government, the Director of Legal Service and the Director of the National Barangay Operations Office (NBOO), and shall be resolved within twenty-four (24) hours from receipt thereof. The decision of the BES shall be final and executory.”

Therefore, to clarify the above-quoted portion of DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2007-151 dated 19 November 2007, which is found in page four (4) thereof, and to conform with Sections 1.2 and 1.4, Article VIII of the 2002 Election Code of the Liga ng mga Barangay, the former shall be modified, to read as follows:

“COMPOSITION of the BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS (BES) at all levels:

In every Local Liga Chapter:

Chairman : DILG Officer

***Members : COMELEC Representative
NGO/PO Representative (to be
determined by the incumbent
Liga chapter board)***

In the absence of any member of the BES during the actual conduct of the election, the Chair of the BES shall designate the public school principal or his/her representative, as Member.

In the National Liga Chapter:

***Chairman : DILG Undersecretary for Local
Government***

***Members : DILG Director of the Legal Service
DILG Director of the National
Barangay Operations Office***

DUTIES and AUTHORITY of the BES at all levels:

In every Local Liga Chapter:

1. **Resolve any controversy that may arise during the election meeting of the local Liga Chapter;**
2. **Resolve any post-proclamation electoral protest, which must be submitted in writing to the Board within twenty-four (24) hours from the close of the election;**
 - **Provided the Board shall render its decision within forty-eight (48) hours from receipt thereof; and**
 - **Provided further that said decision must be submitted to the National Liga Office within twenty-four (24) hours from the said decision.**

The decision of the BES in this respect shall be subject to review by the National Liga Board, the decision of which shall be final and executory.

3. **If the situation warrants, call upon the Philippine National Police for assistance to ensure the smooth conduct of the election.”**


In the National Liga Chapter:


1. **Resolve any controversy that may arise during the election meeting of the National Liga Chapter;**
2. **Resolve any election protest, which must be submitted in writing to the National Liga Chapter BES, within twenty-four (24) hours from receipt thereof;**
3. **The decision of the BES in this respect shall be final and executory; and**
4. **If the situation warrants, call upon the Philippine National Police for assistance to ensure the smooth conduct of the election.”**

All other issuances inconsistent herewith are considered repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Please be guided accordingly.

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