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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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**TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS,
MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS,
AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

SUBJECT : ELECTION SERVICE REFORM ACT OF 2016

On April 8, 2016, His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino III signed into law Republic Act No. 10756, entitled, “**An Act Rendering Election Service Non-Compulsory for Public School Teachers, Authorizing the Appointment of Other Qualified Citizens, Providing for Compensation and Other Benefits,**” also known as the Election Service Reform Act of 2016.

Relative thereto, all concerned are hereby advised of the salient provisions of R.A No. 10756, copies of which may be downloaded from the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office website www.pllo.gov.ph/downloads/republic-acts/news-ra.html, to wit:

1. Public school teachers who are **willing and able** to render election service shall constitute the Electoral Boards;
2. In case of lack of election officers, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) may appoint the following, in this order of preference: (a) Private school teachers; (b) National government employees, excluding uniformed personnel of the Department of National Defense; (c) Members of COMELEC-accredited citizen arms or other civil society organizations; and (d) Any registered voter of the city or municipality of known integrity and competence who is not connected with any candidate or political party;
3. As a last resort, in cases where the peace and order situation so requires as determined by COMELEC and where there are no qualified voters willing to serve, uniformed personnel of the Philippine National Police shall be deputized to render election service; and
4. Persons rendering election service shall be entitled to honoraria, travel allowance, and such other benefits as may be granted by the Commission.

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all local government units within their respective jurisdictions.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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