



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2020-012

For : **ALL UNDERSECRETARIES
ALL ASSISTANT SECRETARIES
SERVICE DIRECTORS
DIVISION CHIEFS
This Department**

**HEAD of SECTORAL OFFICES and
ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATIONS**


From : OIC Undersecretary for Administrative Service

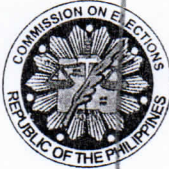
Subject : **COMELEC RESOLUTIONS NO. 10662, series of 2020**

Date : **11 June 2020**

Transmitting herewith a copy of the COMELEC Resolution No. 10662, entitled ***"DEPUTATION OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 11, 2020 PLEBISCITE TO RATIFY THE DIVISION OF THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN INTO THREE (3) PROVINCES, NAMELY: PALAWAN DEL NORTE, PALAWAN ORIENTAL, AND PALAWAN DEL SUR PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11259 APPROVED ON 05 APRIL 2019"***, promulgated on 06 March 2020.

For reference, information and guidance.


Atty. ARTEMIO U. TUAZON JR.



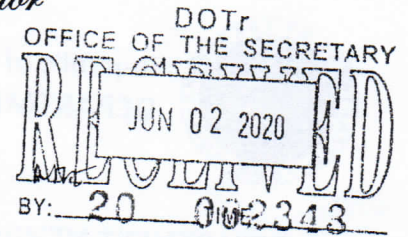
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Intramuros, Manila

Office of the Executive Director

09 March 2020

ATTY. ARTHUR P. TUGADE

Secretary
Department of Transportation
The Columbia Tower, Barangay Wack-Wack
Ortigas Avenue, Mandaluyong City



Dear Secretary Tugade,

Greetings!

Please find attached for your reference a copy of **COMELEC RESOLUTION NO. 10662**, promulgated on March 6, 2020, entitled, *"Deputation of Certain Departments Under the Executive Branch, Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations and Financial Institutions in Connection with the May 11, 2020 Plebiscite to Ratify the Division of the Province of Palawan Into Three (3) Provinces, Namely: Palawan Del Norte, Palawan Oriental, and Palawan Del Sur Pursuant to Republic Act No. 11259 Approved on April 5, 2019."*

Thank you for your continuous support to the Commission on Elections.

Respectfully yours,

BARTOLOME J. SINOCRUZ, JR.
Executive Director

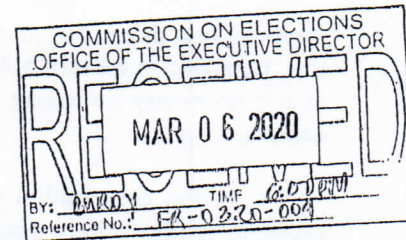
*Attached as stated
Copy furnished:*

- Chairman
- All Commissioners
- Comelec Secretary
- ODED
- ORED IV-B

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APPROVED ON APRIL 5, 2019.

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ABAS, Sheriff M.
GUANZON, Ma. Rowena Amelia V.,
INTING, Socorro B.,
CASQUEJO, Marlon S.,
KHO, Antonio, Jr. T.,

Chairman
Commissioner
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Promulgated : March 6, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 10662

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections (Commission) has promulgated on November 12, 2019 COMELEC Resolution No. 10620 entitled CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND PERIODS OF CERTAIN PROHIBITED ACTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 11, 2020 PLEBISCITE TO RATIFY THE DIVISION OF THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN INTO THREE (3) PROVINCES, NAMELY: PALAWAN DEL NORTE, PALAWAN ORIENTAL, AND PALAWAN DEL SUR PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11259 APPROVED ON APRIL 5, 2019, prescribing the period of certain prohibited acts during the conduct of the May 11, 2020 Plebiscite to ratify the division of the Province of Palawan into three (3) provinces namely: Palawan del Norte, Palawan Oriental, and Palawan del Sur;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, the Omnibus Election Code (Batas Pambansa Blg. 881), the Commission may deputize government offices/agencies and Government-Owned-and-Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), in connection with the conduct of the May 11, 2020 Plebiscite to ratify the division of the Province of Palawan into three (3) provinces namely: Palawan del Norte, Palawan Oriental, and Palawan del Sur, pursuant to Republic Act No. 11259 dated April 5, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES** to deputize, the following:

Palawan into three (3) provinces namely: Palawan del Norte, Palawan Oriental, and Palawan del Sur, pursuant to Republic Act No. 11259 dated April 5, 2019 and perform such other measures as are necessary including the use of all public school buildings designated as polling places/centers.

In the constitution of the Plebiscite Committees, preference for appointment shall be given to public school teachers who are qualified, willing and available to render plebiscite-related service. Should there be a lack of public school teachers, order of preference shall be followed pursuant to COMELEC Resolution No. 10194.

II. THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

The Department of Finance (DOF) is hereby deputized to enforce and ensure, during the plebiscite period from **April 11, 2020 (SAT)** to **May 18, 2020 (MON)**, that:

- 1) The Provincial Treasurer of the Province of Palawan and the Municipal Treasurers of the twenty three (23) municipalities of the Province of Palawan;
 - a) Are not transferred or detailed, whether temporarily or permanently, to another province, city or municipality, except upon prior written authority of the Commission;
 - b) Are not allowed to go on leave of absence from office during the period starting two weeks before and two weeks after the plebiscite, except upon prior written authority of the Commission; and
 - c) Shall, at all times, assign responsible employees to receive instructions from the Commission relative to election matters to insure immediate action thereon.
- 2) No temporary or casual employee is designated as Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Provincial Treasurer of the Province of Palawan and the Offices of the Municipal Treasurer of the twenty three (23) municipalities of the Province of Palawan;

The Provincial Treasurer of the Province of Palawan and the Municipal Treasurers of the twenty three (23) municipalities of the Province of Palawan in turn, are deputized to:

- a) Under the direct orders and supervision of the Provincial Election Supervisor of the Province of Palawan and the Election Officers of the twenty three (23) municipalities of the Province of Palawan, as the case maybe, preserve, take custody and be responsible for the storage of plebiscite forms, ballot boxes, paraphernalia, supplies and materials entrusted to them and prevent any loss, destruction, impairment or damage thereto;

- b) Keep a record of the quantity and serial numbers, if any, of official ballots, and ballot boxes allocated for distribution to the various precincts in the twenty three (23) municipalities of the Province of Palawan, and furnish legible copies of such record to their respective Election Officer and the Election Records and Statistics Department (ERSD), Commission on Elections, Manila, immediately after distribution;

The Municipal Treasurers of the twenty three (23) municipalities of the Province of Palawan are further deputized to distribute in the presence of watchers, if available, the official

other local executive officials. In this respect, it shall be unlawful for the mayors or local executive officials to intervene or interfere in the discharge of the Treasurer's duties in connection with the plebiscite.

III. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTr)

The Department of Transportation (DOTr) is hereby deputized to perform the following duties and functions:

1) Circularize to all owners and operators of land and air transportation facilities, holders of certificates of public convenience, franchises or other forms of authorization, that the following provisions under the Omnibus Election Code are election offenses:

a) Sec. 89, which prohibits any person from giving or accepting transportation, free of charge, directly or indirectly during the five (5) hours before and after a public meeting, on the day preceding the plebiscite and on plebiscite day;

b) Sec. 261 (dd), which penalizes any operator or employee of a public utility or transportation company operating under a certificate of public convenience who refuses to carry official plebiscite mail matters free of charge during the plebiscite period.

2) Direct its agents to apprehend violators of the aforesaid provisions of the Omnibus Election Code and refer such violations to the Commission, through the Regional Election Director of Region IV-B, for proper action;

3) Perform such other duties and functions which the Commission may prescribe from time to time.

IV. THE PHILIPPINE POSTAL SERVICE CORPORATION AND THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

The Philippine Postal Service Corporation and the National Telecommunications Commission are hereby deputized to perform the following functions and duties:

1) Instruct their respective personnel and the management of all private telecommunications firms to give special preference to, and effect immediate transmission and delivery of messages or telegrams of the Commission, its field personnel and deputies during the plebiscite period; and between and among the Commission's field offices, its deputies and other assisting agencies until after the proclamation;

2) Impress upon such personnel and management that non-compliance with the provisions of Sec. 9 of the Omnibus Election Code on preferential transmissions of official mails, messages and telegrams relative to the plebiscite, constitutes an election offense punishable under Sec. 264 of said Code with imprisonment of not less than one year but not more than six (6) years and shall not be subject to probation. In addition, the guilty party shall be sentenced to suffer disqualification to hold public office and deprivation of the right of suffrage;

3) Assign sufficient number of personnel to receive, transmit and deliver plebiscite messages ten (10) days before plebiscite day, on plebiscite day, and five (5) days after plebiscite day;

4) Make operational all its stations during the plebiscite period; and

5) Perform such other duties and functions which the Commission may prescribe from time to time.

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VI. THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

The Civil Service Commission (CSC) is hereby deputized to enforce and implement the provisions of the Omnibus Election Code, particularly Section 261 (g), (h) and (i).

VII. COMMISSION ON AUDIT AND DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

The Commission on Audit (COA) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) are hereby deputized to enforce and implement the provisions of Section 261, paragraph (v) and (w) of the Omnibus Election Code.

As such deputies, they shall place at the disposal of the Commission their land, air and water craft, such as airplanes and helicopters, trucks, jeeps, vans, cars and the like, ships, launches, barges, and speedboats, and communication facilities, as the Commission may need from time to time. Said vehicles shall be used to ferry the personnel of the Commission and of its deputized agencies in the performance of their plebiscite duties, and to transport plebiscite forms, supplies and materials to their places of destination, particularly in areas with inadequate or without regular means of transportation.

For the above purposes, they shall provide the Commission with a list of available vehicles, together with the pilots/ captains, shipmasters, or drivers assigned to said crafts or vehicles. These crafts or vehicles shall be at the disposal of the Commission immediately and until the end of the plebiscite period.

EFFECTIVITY

This Resolution shall take effect on the seventh (7th) day after its publication in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

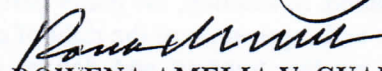
DISSEMINATION AND PUBLICATION

The Executive Director shall furnish all the above deputized, departments, offices and/or agencies, through their respective heads, copies of this Resolution pertinent to their agencies.

The Education and Information Department, shall cause the publication of this Resolution in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

SO ORDERED.


SHERIFF M. ABAS
Chairman


MA. ROWENA AMELIA V. GUANZON
Commissioner


SOCORRO B. INTING
Commissioner


MARLON S. CASULEJO
Commissioner


ANTONIO T. KHO, JR.
Commissioner