

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS

Intramuros, Manila

AMENDMENTS RESOLUTION NO. 10941 ON THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CLEANSING AND UPDATING OF THE OVERSEAS VOTERS' DATABASE FOR PURPOSES OF 12 MAY 2025 NATIONAL AND **ELECTIONS** AND LOCAL

SUCCEEDING

THEREAFTER.

ELECTIONS

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Chairman Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner

Promulgated: September 25, 2024

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WHEREAS, on 19 July 2023, the Commission En Banc promulgated COMELEC Resolution No. 10941 otherwise known as the "PROCEDURES FOR THE CLEANSING AND UPDATING OF THE OVERSEAS VOTERS' DATABASE FOR PURPOSES OF 12 May 2025 National and Local Elections and Succeeding Elections THEREAFTER";

WHEREAS, during the implementation of the foregoing Resolution, there were several issues raised by OEOs, which were not foreseen during the drafting of the said Resolution, specifically with respect to the procedures under Sections 13 to 16 thereof (related to AFIS Matching Reports resulting from the matching of OV Database versus Local Voters' Database);

WHEREAS, there is a need to consider the voting history of the voter in applying the rules set forth in the said Resolution to ensure that no voter disenfranchisement results therefrom;

WHEREAS, the OFOV, through the use of server tools application, also discovered double/multiple records (having the same name and birthday) that were not included in the AFIS matching reports, due to having 1 or more records without biometric data;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, and other related election laws, the Commission on Elections RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES, to amend the foregoing Sections of COMELEC Resolution No. 10941, as follows:

Section 1. - Section 13 thereof is hereby amended as follows:

"Section 13. Procedures Upon Receipt of AFIS Matching Reports Generated by Comparing Overseas Voters' Records as Against the Local Voters' Database. - Upon Receipt of the Overseas vs. Local AFIS Matching Reports generated by the ITD, the OFOV shall sort the AFIS Matching Report, with consideration to the voting history of the voter, according to the following batches:

BATCH	AFIS MATCHING REPORT RESULT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
D	First Registration – Overseas Latest Registration – Philippines	OFOV to consider OV record as transfer from Post to Local (Philippines) EXCEPTION: if the Voter voted as an OV in the last National Elections, OFOV to retain OV record, and to forward the results to concerned OEOs, through the ORED, OPES and EBAD, for archiving of local
Е	First Registration - Philippines Latest Registration - Overseas With the same personal information (name, date of birth, sex) With correct type of application indicated	OFOV to retain OV record, and to forward the results to concerned OEOs, through the ORED, OPES and EBAD, for archiving of local record EXCEPTION: if the Voter voted locally in the last National and/or Barangay Elections, whichever is latest, and upon confirmation by the concerned OEO of such fact, OFOV to consider OV record as transfer from Post to Local (Philippines)
F	First Registration - Philippines Latest Registration - Overseas With the same personal information (name, date of birth, sex) With incorrect type of application (should be "Certification")	OFOV to correct the application type, then retain OV record, and to forward the results to concerned OEOs, through the ORED, OPES and EBAD, for archiving of local record EXCEPTION: if the Voter voted locally in the last National and/or Barangay Elections, whichever is latest, and upon confirmation by the concerned OEO of such fact, OFOV to consider OV record as transfer from Post to Local (Philippines)
G	First Registration – Philippines Latest Registration – Overseas With the discrepancies in the name, date of birth, sex in the records Regardless of type of application	For further verification of OFOV

Section 2. - Section 14 thereof is hereby amended as follows:

"Section 14. Procedures for Overseas vs. Local AFIS Matching Reports where the Latest Registration is in the Philippines (Batch D). – For Overseas vs. Local AFIS Matching Reports where the latest registration record is found in the Philippines, the OFOV shall motu proprio cancel the names of the said overseas voters from the Certified List of Overseas Voters and delete their overseas voters' registration records,

as required by Section 10 of the OVERSEAS VOTING ACT OF 2013 (RA 9189 as amended by RA 10590).

As an exception to the preceding paragraph, if the voter voted as an overseas voter in the last National Elections, the OFOV will retain the OV record and will forward the results to concerned OEOs, through the ORED, OPES and EBAD, for archiving of local record."

Section 3. - Section 15 thereof is hereby amended as follows:

"Section 15. Procedures for Overseas vs. Local AFIS Matching Reports where the Latest Registration is Overseas (Batch E). – For Overseas vs. Local AFIS Matching Reports with results falling under the description for Batch E, the OFOV will retain the OV record and will forward the results to the concerned OEOs, through the ORED, OPES and EBAD, for archiving of the local record.

As an exception to the preceding paragraph, if the Voter voted locally in the last National and/or Barangay Elections, whichever is latest, and upon confirmation by the concerned OEO of such fact, OFOV will consider the OV record as transfer from Post to Local (Philippines)."

Section 4. – Section 16 thereof is hereby amended as follows:

"Section 16. Procedures for Overseas vs. Local AFIS Matching Reports where the Latest Registration is Overseas but with Incorrect Application Type (Batch F). – For Overseas vs. Local AFIS Matching Reports where the latest registration record is found overseas but with the incorrect type of application stated, the OFOV shall retain the OV record and motu proprio correct the type of application and entries in the municipality/city/district and province in the overseas records. Further, the OFOV shall likewise forward the results to concerned OEOs, through the ORED, OPES and EBAD, for archiving of the local record.

As an exception to the preceding paragraphs, if the Voter voted locally in the last National and/or Barangay Elections, whichever is latest, and upon confirmation by the concerned OEO of such fact, the OFOV will consider the OV record as transfer from Post to Local (Philippines)."

Section 5. - Insertion of a new Part III and two sections as follows:

PART III - MATCHING REPORTS GENERATED BY THE SERVER TOOLS APPLICATION BY COMPARING RECORDS WITHIN OVERSEAS VOTERS' DATABASE ONLY

Section 18. OFOV Procedures in Generation of Matching Reports using the Server Tools Application. - The OFOV, after the completion of data migration of all backup voters databases submitted by the RERB of all Posts and OFOV, shall generate the LIST OF VOTERS WITH DOUBLE/MULTIPLE ENTRIES in OFOV's Server Tools Application, for every RERB Hearing if applicable.

Section 19. Verification/Validation and Sorting Procedures for Matching Reports. – The OFOV, through its Data Management Section, shall verify and sort the Matching Reports generated through the Server Tools Application according to Post and Country for inclusion in the agenda of the next RERB hearing.

The OFOV shall recommend for RERB approval to retain the latest record only, and delete the older records. The same notice and publication requirements stated in Section 45 of *COMELEC Resolution No. 10833* and in succeeding Resolutions pertinent to Overseas Voting Registration shall apply.

Section 6. - Renaming of Part III to IV, and renumbering of Sections "18 to 23" to "20 to 25" as follows:

"PART IV - CORRECTION OF CLERICAL ERRORS IN THE OVERSEAS VOTERS' REGISTRATION RECORDS

Section 20. Correction of Clerical Errors in the Overseas Voters' Registration Records. – $x \times x$

Section 21. Clerical Errors in the Overseas Voters' Registration Records Discovered by the Posts. – $x \, x \, x$

Section 22. Separability Clause. - x x x

Section 23. Repealing Clause. - x x x

Section 24. Dissemination. - x x x

Section 25. Effectivity. $- \times \times \times''$

Let the Office for Overseas Voting Implement this Resolution.

Let the Education and Information Department cause the publication of this Resolution in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines and let the Information Technology Department post this Resolution in the official COMELEC website.

SO ORDERED.

GEORGE ERWIN M. GARCIA Chairman

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CERTIFICATION

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