



Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Manila

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING
PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF
COMELEC RESOLUTION NO.
10924, ENTITLED
"GENERAL GUIDELINES AND
OTHER RELATED RULES AND
REGULATIONS FOR THE
OCTOBER 30, 2023 BARANGAY
AND SANGGUNIAN
KABATAAN ELECTIONS (BSKE)
AND ALL SUCCEEDING BSKEs
THEREAFTER" FOR PURPOSES
OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2026
BARANGAY AND
SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN
ELECTIONS

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RESOLUTION No. 11264

WHEREAS, Section 2 (1), Article IX-C of the 1987 Constitution grants the Commission on Elections the power to enforce and administer all laws and regulations relative to the conduct of an election, plebiscite, initiative, referendum, and recall;

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2023, the Commission promulgated Resolution No. 10924, entitled "General Guidelines and Other Related Rules and Regulations for the October 30, 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) and All Succeeding BSKEs Thereafter";

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025, Republic Act No. 12232 was approved providing that the next regular Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) shall be held on the first Monday of November 2026 and every four (4) years thereafter;

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2026, the Commission promulgated Resolution No. 11191, titled "Calendar of Activities and Periods of Certain Prohibited Acts in Connection with the November 2, 2026 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE)";

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, and other election laws, the Commission **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to further amend the pertinent provisions of COMELEC Resolution No. 10924, as amended, to now read, as follows:

SECTION 1. Sections 366, 370 and 372, Article XIV are hereby amended to read, as follows:

"SEC. 366. Prohibited Acts and Period of Prohibition. – From September 18, 2026 until November 1, 2026:

- a. Except upon prior authority of the Commission, no head or appointing officer of any national or local government office, agency or instrumentality, including government-owned or controlled corporations shall:
 - i. Appoint or hire any new employee, whether permanent, provisional, temporary, substitute or casual.
 - ii. Create and fill any new position.
- b. No government official shall promote or give any increase of salary or remuneration or privilege to any government official or employee, including those in government-owned or controlled corporations.

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SEC. 370. When Request for Authority is Not Necessary. – xxx

However, the appointing authority shall furnish the Commission **on or before November 9, 2026**, through the Law Department for main office positions, and through the Office of the Regional Election Director concerned for field positions, a complete list of workers hired under contract of service and job order, and of employees whose appointments were renewed, indicating their position, item number, salary grade and station, if applicable.

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SEC. 372. Total Ban on Promotion, Salary Increases, Grant of Privileges. – For purposes of the November 2, 2026 BSKE, the

promotion or giving of increases of salary or remuneration or privilege to any government official or employee including those in government-owned or controlled corporations, shall be strictly prohibited from **September 18, 2026 to November 1, 2026.** xxx”

SEC. 2. Sections 374 and 375, Chapter I, Article XIV are hereby amended to read, as follows:

“SEC. 374. Total Ban on Appointment, Hiring of New Employees, Creation of New Position, Promotion or Giving of Salary Increases, Remuneration or Privileges in the Barangay. – From **October 23, 2026** until **November 1, 2026**, the appointment or hiring of new employees, creation of new position, promotion or giving of salary increases, remuneration or privileges in the barangay shall be strictly prohibited.

SEC. 375. Injunction. – The CSC and its field offices are hereby enjoined not to approve the appointment or hiring of new employees, creation of new position, promotion or giving of salary increases, remuneration or privileges to employees in the barangay from **October 23, 2026 to November 1, 2026** xxx”

SEC. 3. Sections 376 to 379, Chapter II, Article XIV are hereby amended to read, as follows:

“SEC. 376. Prohibited Act and Period of Prohibition. – No public official shall make or cause any transfer or detail whatsoever of any officer or employee in the civil service, including public school teachers, within the election period **from October 3, 2026 until November 9, 2026**, except upon prior written authority of the Commission.

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SEC. 377. Filing of Requests with the Law Department. – A request for authority to make or cause any transfer or detail whatsoever of any officer or employee in the civil service shall be filed with the Law Department under any of the following:

- a. The official station is in the central or main offices of national agencies, instrumentalities and government-owned or controlled corporations.

- b. It involves provincial, city or municipal treasurers and assistant treasurers, and schools division superintendents and assistant schools division superintendents.
- c. It involves both intra-regional and inter-regional transfer or detail of officers or employees in the civil service.
- d. It involves PNP regional, district, provincial or city directors, or police colonel and other officers with equivalent rank or higher.
- e. It pertains to any other circumstances as may be approved by the Chairman of the Commission.

SEC. 378. *Filing of Requests with the Office of the Regional Election Director.* – A request for authority to make or cause any transfer or detail whatsoever of any officer or employee in the civil service shall be filed with the concerned Office of the Regional Election Director under any of the following:

- a. The employee/s sought to be transferred or detailed is stationed in government offices with official stations in the field offices, including the National Capital Region: *Provided, That* when the government agency has one integrated Region IV office for both Regions IV-A and IV-B, the request may be filed with the Office of the Regional Election Director of Region IV-A.
- b. It involves employee/s of state universities or colleges; local water districts; Department of Health-supervised hospitals, facilities or treatment and rehabilitation centers.
- c. It involves employee/s of the local government units; local universities or colleges; local hospitals or facilities; other satellite, field or division offices.
- d. It involves intra-regional transfer or detail of PNP officers and members with ranks lower than the PNP regional, district, provincial or city director or police colonel.

SEC. 379. *Request for Authority of the Commission; How to File.* – A request for authority to make or cause any transfer or detail whatsoever of any officer or employee in the civil service shall:

- a. be in writing;

- b. state all information pertinent to the proposed transfer or detail, such as the name of the officer or employee, present station or office, office and place to which the officer or employee is proposed to be transferred or detailed whatsoever, and name of the requestor, position and agency; and
- c. state the reasons or justifications for the proposed transfer or detail.

The Application for Request for Authority to Transfer or Detail Civil Service Officers or Employees is attached as **Annex 'V'.**

SEC. 4. New sections are hereby inserted in Chapter II, Article XIV to read, as follows:

"SEC. 379-A. When Request for Authority to Transfer or Detail is Not Necessary. – No prior written authority of the Commission shall be needed for:

- a. Transfer or detail of workers under contract of service or job order.
- b. Transfer or assignment of personnel for a specified training program (e.g., Bureau of Jail Management and Penology).

However, the appointing authority shall furnish the Commission **on or before November 9, 2026**, through the Law Department or concerned Office of the Regional Election Director, a complete list of contract of service or job order workers who were transferred or detailed during the election period, or the list of employees or personnel who were re-assigned for a specified training program, indicating therein the present and transferred station and period of training, as the case may be.

SEC. 379-B. Uniformed Personnel of the AFP, Not Covered. – A prior written authority from the Commission is not required for the transfer or detail of uniformed personnel of the AFP as it is an exempt service and not under the civil service law."

SEC. 5. Sections 380 and 382, Chapter III, Article XIV are hereby amended to read, as follows:

“SEC. 380. Prohibited Acts. – From October 3, 2026 until November 9, 2026, the provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, no public official shall, except upon prior written approval of the Commission, suspend any elective provincial, city, municipal or barangay officer.

It shall include both suspension as a penalty and preventive suspension.

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SEC. 382. When Request for Authority is Not Necessary. – Request for authority to suspend elective local officials shall not be necessary in any of the following instances:

- a. The offense involved is punishable under the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.
- b. The penalty of suspension was implemented before the start of the election period but is continuously served during or even after the expiration of the election period.
- c. Pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991, no investigation shall be held within ninety (90) days immediately prior to any local election, and no preventive suspension shall be imposed within the said period.
- d. The order of suspension is directed to provincial, city, municipal or barangay officials who are no longer incumbents.
- e. The suspension is already being served.”

SEC. 6. Sections 384 and 385, Chapter IV, Article XIV are hereby amended to read, as follows:

“SEC. 384. Leave of Absence of Provincial, City or Municipal Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. – In view of the important role of provincial, city and municipal treasurers and assistant treasurers, the Department of Finance (DOF) is deputized to ensure that all provincial, city, and municipal treasurers and

assistant treasurers remain in their present assignments and neither be transferred or detailed, reassigned, whether temporarily or permanently, to another province, city or municipality, except upon prior written authority of the Commission, nor allowed to go on leave of absence from office **from October 19, 2026 until November 16, 2026**, except upon prior written approval of the Commission. The DOF shall ensure that no temporary or casual employee is designated as acting treasurer or acting assistant treasurer of the Office of the Treasurer.

SEC. 385. *Request for Approval of Leave of Absence of Provincial, City or Municipal Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.* – Requests for approval of leaves of absence of provincial, city or municipal treasurers and assistant treasurers **from October 19, 2026 until November 16, 2026** shall be coursed through the appropriate office of the Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) of the DOF having supervision and control over local offices of treasurers, stating the purpose of the leave.

The concerned BLGF office shall then request for a prior written approval by the Commission for the leave of absence of the requesting treasurer or assistant treasurer.”

SEC. 7. Sections 389 and 390, Chapter V, Article XIV are hereby amended to read, as follows:

“SEC. 389. *Opposition to the Requests.* – An opposition to the application for request for authority or approval of the application for request for authority may be filed by any affected individual with the:

- a. Chairman of the Commission, through the Law Department, if the application has been filed with the Law Department.
- b. Office of the Regional Election Director concerned, if the application has been filed therewith.

The opposition must be under oath. No opposition filed through electronic mail shall be accepted.

The opposition shall be decided by the Chairman of the Commission or the Office of the Regional Election Director concerned within three (3) days from filing thereof.

The decision of the Chairman of the Commission or the Regional Election Director concerned shall be final and executory, unless a request for reconsideration is filed.

SEC. 390. *Reconsideration of the Approval/Disapproval of the Request.* – A request for reconsideration of the approval or disapproval of the request for authority may be filed with the Chairman of the Commission through the Law Department.

No request for reconsideration filed through electronic mail shall be accepted.

The decision of the Chairman of the Commission on the request for reconsideration shall be final and executory.”

SEC. 8. Section 394, Chapter VI, Article XIV is hereby amended to read, as follows:

“SEC. 394. *Continuing Authority to Appoint and Transfer Government Officers or Employees Granted to Certain Government Agencies.* – The Commission hereby grants continuing authority to the following government agencies to appoint or hire new employees during the period of forty-five (45) days before the barangay and SK elections, and to transfer or detail their officers or employees within the election period, in view of their functions:

- a. Office of the President of the Philippines (Proper);
- b. Office of the Vice President of the Philippines;
- c. Senate and House of Representatives;
- d. Supreme Court of the Philippines, Court of Appeals, Sandiganbayan, Court of Tax Appeals and lower courts, including the Presidential Electoral Tribunal, Senate Electoral Tribunal and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal; and

- e. Such other government agencies as may be granted continuing authority in accordance herewith.”

SEC. 9. Sections 397 to 399, Chapter VIII, Article XIV are hereby amended to read, as follows:

“SEC. 397. *Manner of Filing of Requests for Authority under these Guidelines.* – All applications for request for authority shall be filed with the Law Department or concerned Office of the Regional Election Director, as the case may be.

The application for request for authority shall be filed together with its editable document file as stored in a universal serial bus (USB) drive or compact disc (CD).

Applications which are not in the form prescribed in these guidelines shall not be acted upon.

SEC. 398. *Request for Authority Filed through Electronic Mail.* – Any application for request for authority filed through electronic mail shall not be accepted, processed or acted upon by the Commission.

SEC. 399. *When to File Request for Authority of the Commission.* – All applications covered under these guidelines shall be filed either with the Law Department or appropriate Office of the Regional Election Director at least ten (10) days before the intended appointment or hiring of new employees; transfer or detail of civil service officers or employees, if reasonably known; leave of absence; and start of suspension of local elective officials, as the case may be.

However, in meritorious cases, applications may be filed not later than ten (10) days before the end of the applicable prohibited period, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The request for authority must be for an emergency and/or there is an urgent reason involving national security and defense.

For this purpose, national security is defined as a state or condition wherein the people’s welfare, well-being, way of life; government and its institutions; territorial integrity; sovereignty; and core values are enhanced and protected;

b. Any delay will result in the loss of life and/or prejudice national interest; and

c. It is essential to the proper functioning of the office and shall not in any manner influence the conduct of the elections.

Any application filed after the implementation of any of the aforementioned acts shall not be accepted or acted upon."

SEC. 10. Section 400, Chapter IX, Article XIV is hereby amended to read, as follows:

"SEC. 400. Grant of Authority to the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, and Philippine Coast Guard to Use Any Armored Land, Water or Air Craft. - The Commission hereby grants authority to the AFP, PNP, and PCG to use, during the campaign period, on the day before and on election day, any armored land, water or air craft, provided with any temporary or permanent equipment or any other device or contraption for the mounting or installation of cannons, machine guns and other similar high caliber firearms, including military type tanks, half trucks, scout trucks, armored trucks, of any make or model, whether new, reconditioned, rebuilt or remodeled as may be necessary to carry out their mandates as deputies of the Commission.

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SEC. 11. Section 405, Article XVI is hereby amended to read, as follows:

"SEC. 405. Period of Prohibition. - The liquor ban shall be in force and effect on the day before the election (**November 1, 2026**) and on election day (**November 2, 2026**)."

SEC. 12. Effectivity. - This resolution shall take effect immediately upon publication in at least two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines and posting on the official website of the COMELEC.

SEC. 13. Publication and Dissemination. - The Education and Information Department shall cause the publication of this Resolution in at least two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines while the Information Technology Department shall cause its posting on the official website of the COMELEC.

SO ORDERED.


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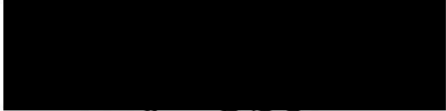
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