



Republic of the Philippines
Polytechnic University of the Philippines
Student Council Constitutional Commissions
Commission on Elections

Decision

DATE: 02 OCTOBER 2022

PETITION: PETITION TO AMEND THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STUDENT COUNCIL ACT NO. 002, TO AMEND VOTING HOURS TO A 24-HOUR PERIOD PER DAY

PETITIONERS: Sandigan ng Mag-aaral para sa Sambayanan (SAMASA) – PUP

The Commission en banc passed and promulgated the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Student Council Act No. 002 Series of 2022 on August 17, 2022. Article XI, section 4 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the PUP SC COMELEC states:

Casting of Votes duration – It is highly recommended to the Commission that there must be at least ten (10) minimum hours of duration to cast vote on the designated electronic election precinct. However, the minimum ten (10) hours duration for the casting of votes on the designated area may not be executed depends upon the following, but not limited to, justified reasons and circumstances that may occur which are subjected to the recommendation and/or approval of this Commission

The Sandigan ng Mag-aaral para sa Sambayanan - PUP (SAMASA- PUP), the petitioner, filed a petition on October 1, 2022, to amend the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Student Council Act no. 002, to amend voting hours to a 24-hour period per day.



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DECISION: The Commission en banc **GRANTS THE PETITION WITH RESERVATION.** The Commission will open the precincts for 24 hours for the rest of the given time for casting of votes and will close at 11:59 pm on 4th of October 2022.

The Commissioner College of Arts and Letters (CAL) delivered the opinion of the Commission, joined by Commissioners from College of Accountancy and Finance (CAF), College of Architecture, Design, and Built Environment (CADBE), College of Business Administration (CBA), College of Communication (COC), College of Computer and Information Sciences (CCIS), College of Education (COED), College of Engineering (CE), College of Human Kinetics (CHK), College of Political Science and Public Administration (CPSPA), College of Social Sciences and Development (CSSD), College of Science (CS), College of Tourism, Hospitality and Transportation Management (CTHTM), and Institute of Technology (ITECH)

Opinion of the Commission:

The Commission on Elections allows the amending of the 10-hour voting time per day to 24-hours per day for the remaining period, closing at 11:59 PM on October 4, 2022. The Commission has been presented statistical data concerning the voter's turnout for the first two days of the period of casting of votes, and it is shown that the number of students who have cast their votes are considerably lower than what it was in the Student Council Elections 2021. This poses low student participation in this SCE 2022. In consideration of the ongoing political and economic crises in the country, the Commission regard it as their duty to empathize with students who are experiencing said crises. In line with that, the Commission also supports the idea of



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giving every student their rights to suffrage, and if amending the voting hours to a 24-hour period per day would help the students exercise their right, then the Commission supports this amendment.

However, the petitioners must also understand the reservations of the Commission on granting this petition. It is to be understood that the petitioners are informed about the Resolution No.018, Series of 2022 A RESOLUTION TO NULLIFY DECISION NO. 01, SERIES OF 2022, TO ABROGATE RESOLUTION NO.015 SERIES OF 2022, AND TO RATIFY IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS WITH FINALITY. The Resolution made it clear that the ratified Implementing Rules and Regulations are to be followed with finality, any amendments on the will violate the resolution, thus the rationale upon the reservation.

SO, ORDERED.

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