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Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Bill No. 3776

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation-building. As such, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) as one of the constitutional bodies which is tasked to handle the conduct of each election, plebiscite, initiative, referendum, or recall is mandated by the fundamental law of the land under Par. 9, Sec. 2 of Art. 9 - to submit to the President and the Congress a comprehensive report on the matter.

As a rule, the COMELEC must comply with this provision after every regular election. However, basic electoral data contained in the report are not even complete. The said voluminous materials are not comprehensive to cover the minimum content of various reports. As a result, confusion follows.

The bill seeks to ensure that the COMELEC report must contain basic and complete electoral data as a matter of record. Further, it provides that the report be made automatically available in the National Library, all libraries of state colleges and universities, provincial and city or municipal libraries.

In light of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE MINIMUM CONTENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF ELECTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO CONGRESS BY THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Comprehensive COMELEC Report Act."

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy- It is the policy of the State to document significant political processes such as elections. In line with this, the Commission on Elections is directed by the Constitution to prepare and submit a comprehensive report on the conduct of each election, plebiscite, initiative, referendum and recall to the President and to Congress.

SEC. 3. Nature and Contents of the Comprehensive Report. - A comprehensive COMELEC Report to the President and the Congress after every regular or special election shall contain, but not limited to the following:

A. Narrative Assessment

- 1) A complete but concise explanation on the context of the election(s) conducted and the election calendar.
- 2) Amendments to and salient features of the election code and other laws governing the conduct of the electoral exercise.
- 3) Cost of Administering the Particular Political Exercise
 - a) The actual cost of the election to the national and local governments, if any
 - b) Breakdown of expenditures by item
- 4) Other information which the Commission on Elections deemed important.

B. Basic Electoral Data

- 1) On Voters
 - a) number of registered voters per city / municipality
 - b) number of voters who actually voted (voters' turnout) per city / municipality
 - c) number of the Voter's Registration Records (VRRs) used and cancelled
- 2) On Precincts
 - a) number of precincts that functioned in the immediately preceding elections by city / municipality
 - b) number of precincts newly created for the election under consideration by city / municipality.
 - c) total number of precincts for the election under review by city / municipality

- d) number of precincts that actually functioned or failed to function by city / municipality and the grand total number of precincts nationwide.
- 3) On the Number of Ballots, Election Returns, Ballot Boxes and All Other Accountable forms actually used, spoiled and unused.
- 4) On candidates
 - a) list of all candidates, party affiliation and their profession
 - b) number of votes each candidate garnered by type of
 - b.2. for senators - the results by province
 - b.3. for congressmen - the results by district
 - b.4. for governor, vice-governor and members of the sangguniang panlalawigan - results by province
 - b.5. for mayors, vice-mayors and members of the Sangguniang pambayan / panlungsod - the results by city / municipality or district
 - c) amount and sources of campaign funds, if already available
- 5) On election protests, violence and other election violations and offenses
 - a) list and status of election protests filed with regards to the election(s) being reported
 - b) number of election related incidents of violence, offenses and violations of the election law by provinces and cities for all regions except for NCR where it will be by cities and municipalities.
- 6) Other data which the Commission on Elections may deem important

SEC. 4. Date of Submission - The COMELEC shall submit the comprehensive Report at exactly six months or at most, one (1) year after the holding of a regular or special election.

SEC. 5. Dissemination and Accessibility to the Report - In addition to the President and the Congress, the COMELEC shall provide copies of the Report to all public libraries.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,