



Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Manila

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IMPLEMENTING RULES
AND REGULATIONS OF
REPUBLIC ACT No. 11546,
ENTITLED "AN ACT
REAPPORTIONING THE
PROVINCE OF BULACAN
INTO SIX (6) LEGISLATIVE
DISTRICTS".

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Promulgated: July 7, 2021

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RESOLUTION No. 10707

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2021, President Rodrigo R. Duterte approved Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11546, entitled "An Act Reapportioning the Province of Bulacan into Six (6) Legislative Districts";

WHEREAS, Section 2 of R.A. No. 11546 requires the Commission on Elections (Commission) to issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of R.A. No. 11546 prescribes that the law shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation;

WHEREAS, R.A. No. 11546 was uploaded in the Official Gazette on May 27, 2021, and therefore, became effective on June 11, 2021;

WHEREAS, Section 41 (b) of R.A. No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended by R.A. No. 8553, reads:

"SECTION 41. Manner of Election. - (a) [...]"

(b) The regular members of the sangguniang panlalawigan, sangguniang panlungsod, and sangguniang bayan shall be elected by district, as follows:

First and second-class provinces shall have ten (10) regular members; third and fourth-class provinces, eight (8); and fifth and sixth-class provinces, six (6): Provided, That in provinces having more than five (5) legislative districts, each district shall have two (2) sangguniang panlalawigan members, without prejudice to the provisions of Section 2 of Republic Act No. 6637. [...]";

WHEREAS, Section 2 of R.A. No. 6637, which amended Section 4 of R.A. No. 6636, mandates:

"SEC. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 6636 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'SEC 4. Provinces and other Municipalities. – First and second class each have ten (10) elective members for their respective Sangguniang Panlalawigan; third and fourth class provinces, eight (8); and fifth and sixth class provinces, six (6), to be elected at large by the qualified voters therein.

[...]"; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 (a) of R.A. No. 7166 instructs:

"Sec. 3. Election of Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Sanggunian Panlungsod and Sangguniang Bayan. – The elective members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Sangguniang Panlungsod and Sangguniang Bayan shall be elected as follows:

- a. For provinces with two (2) or more legislative districts, the elective members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall be elected by legislative districts. For this purpose, the number of seats shall be apportioned equitably: Provided, That, if equal division is not possible, the remaining member or members shall be elected in the district or districts with the greater number of population or, if they be the same, with the greater number of voters: Provided further, That, if a legislative district includes a city that does not vote in the election of provincial officials, the Commission on Elections, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, shall allocate the number of seats among the districts in proportion to the population of the constituencies voting for the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;"*

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the power vested in it by the 1987 Constitution, R.A. Nos. 6637, 7166, 8553, 11546, and other relevant election laws, the Commission **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to promulgate and approve the following implementing rules and regulations:

SECTION 1. *Title.* - These rules and regulations shall be referred to as the "Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 11546", or the "IRR".

SECTION 2. *Reapportionment of the Province of Bulacan.* - Pursuant to Section 1 of R.A. No. 11546, the Province of Bulacan is reapportioned into six (6) legislative districts, as follows:

- a. The First Legislative District shall be composed of the Municipalities of Calumpit, Hagonoy, Paombong, Pulilan, Bulakan and City of Malolos;
- b. The Second Legislative District shall be composed of Municipalities of Baliuag, Bustos and Plaridel;
- c. The Third Legislative District shall be composed of Municipalities of San Idelfonso, San Miguel, San Rafael and Doña Remedios Trinidad;
- d. The Fourth Legislative District shall be composed of Municipalities of Obando, Marilao and City of Meycauayan;
- e. The Fifth Legislative District shall be composed of Municipalities of Guiguinto, Balagtas, Pandi and Bocaue;
- f. The Sixth Legislative District shall be composed of Municipalities of Sta. Maria, Norzagaray and Angat.

SECTION 3. *Incumbent Representative.* - All incumbent Representatives of the Province of Bulacan shall continue to hold office until the expiration of their terms of office.

SECTION 4. *First Regular Elections.* - The first regular elections in the new Legislative Districts of the Province of Bulacan shall be held on May 09, 2022.

SECTION 5. *Allocation of Seats for Members of the House of Representatives.* - Each of the six (6) Legislative Districts of the Province of Bulacan shall have one (1) District Representative in the House of Representatives.

SECTION 6. *Allocation of Seats for Elective Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.* - Pursuant to Section 41 (b) of R.A. No. 7160, as amended by R.A. No. 8553, each of the six (6) Legislative Districts in the Province of Bulacan shall have two (2) Members in the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. Qualified voters of the City of San Jose del Monte shall continue to vote for Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in the Fourth Legislative District of the Province of Bulacan.

SECTION 7. *Lone Legislative District of the City of San Jose del Monte.* - The Lone Legislative District of the City of San Jose del Monte shall continue to have one (1) District Representative in the House of Representatives.

SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any section or provision of this IRR is held unconstitutional or invalid, any other section or provision not affected thereby shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with this IRR are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. *Publication.* – The Education and Information Department of the Commission shall cause the publication of this IRR in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

SECTION 11. *Effectivity.* – This IRR shall take effect on the seventh (7th) day after its publication.

SO ORDERED.

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CERTIFICATION

APPROVED by the Commission En Banc on July 7, 2021 during its regular online meeting pursuant to COMELEC RESOLUTION NO. 10671, entitled: Supplemental Resolution to COMELEC Resolution 9936 promulgated March 25, 2015; "Rule on the Enactment and Promulgation of Executive or Administrative Resolutions" providing for other format of meetings to include online meetings applicable in times of the COVID-19 pandemic and the imposition of Community Quarantines and similar emergency situations.



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