



Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Intramuros, Manila

IN THE MATTER OF THE
AMENDMENT TO COMELEC
RESOLUTION NO. 10986, IN
THE MATTER OF THE
GUIDELINES IN THE
CLUSTERING OF PRECINCTS
FOR OVERSEAS VOTING FOR
PURPOSES OF THE 2025
NATIONAL AND LOCAL
ELECTIONS

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RESOLUTION NO. 10986-A

WHEREAS, on 24 April 2024, the Commission En Banc approved Resolution No. 10986, *IN THE MATTER OF THE GUIDELINES IN THE CLUSTERING OF PRECINCTS FOR OVERSEAS VOTING FOR PURPOSES OF THE 2025 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS.*

WHEREAS, due to recent developments raised during the customization and finalization of the Online Voting and Counting System (OVCS), the Office for Overseas Voting proposed to amend Resolution No. 10986 to account for such changes.

NOW THEREFORE, after due deliberation, the Commission *En Banc*, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, the Administrative Code of 1987 and other relevant statutes, hereby **RESOLVES** to **AMEND** Resolution No. 10986.

Section 3 of Resolution No. 10986 shall now read as follows:

"Section 3. Guidelines in the Clustering of Overseas Voting Precincts for FASTrAC (Postal-OMR, Personal-OMR (for mixed

voting Posts) or Personal-DRE). - In the clustering of overseas voting precincts for the 2025 NLE for Full Automation System with Transparency Audit/Count (FASTrAC) Posts, the following guidelines shall be complied with:

- (a) For precincts using the Optical Mark Reader (OMR) functionality of the ACM (Postal-OMR and Personal-OMR (for mixed voting Posts)), each precinct shall have no more than two thousand (2000) overseas voters per country under the jurisdiction of Post; and
- (b) For precincts using the Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) of the ACM (PersonalDRE), each precinct shall have no more than one thousand (1000) overseas voters per country under the jurisdiction of Post.

For Posts with multiple countries under its jurisdiction, there shall be one (1) precinct per country under said Post.

All SBEIs of each Post shall transmit election results to their respective Special Board of Canvassers (SBOCs)."

Section 4 of Resolution No. 10986 shall now read as follows:

"Section 4. Guidelines in the Clustering of Overseas Voting Precincts for OVCS. - In the clustering of overseas voting precincts for the 2025 NLE for Posts adopting OVCS, the following guidelines shall be observed:

- (a) For Posts with only one (1) country under its jurisdiction, there shall be only one (1) precinct under said Post, regardless of the number of registered overseas voters; and
- (b) For Posts with multiple countries under its jurisdiction, there shall be one (1) precinct per country under said Post, regardless of the number of registered overseas voters.

For purposes of constitution of SBEIs, precincts under one Post may be clustered together, provided that:

- a. There are at least 5000 ROVs for the parent precinct;
- b. There are at least three (3) precincts to be clustered together, excluding the parent precinct; and
- c. There are at least 500 ROVs for the new clustered precinct (daughter precinct).

All SBEIs of each Post shall transmit election results to their respective SBOCs."

All prior Resolutions on this matter are hereby AMENDED.

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.

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Chairman

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CERTIFICATION

APPROVED for publication on **17 September 2024.**


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