



Republic of the Philippines  
**COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS**  
*Intramuros, Manila*

**GUIDELINES ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES PERSONNEL AS SPECIAL ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE 12 MAY 2025 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 11135**

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall enforce and administer all laws and regulations relative to the conduct of an election;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 (4), Article IX-C of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the COMELEC shall deputize, with the concurrence of the President, law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the Government, including the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), for the exclusive purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful, and credible elections;

**WHEREAS**, the Omnibus Election Code, as implemented by COMELEC Resolution No. 11067, provides that the COMELEC has the power to exercise direct and immediate supervision and control over national and local officials or employees, including members of any national or local law enforcement agency and instrumentality of the government required by law to perform election duties for the purpose of ensuring the holding of free, orderly, and honest elections;

**WHEREAS**, COMELEC Resolution No. 11056 provides that the COMELEC has deputized the Philippine National Police (PNP), AFP and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) in relation to the 12 May 2025 National and Local Elections;

**WHEREAS**, the same Resolution specifically defines the duties and functions of PNP and AFP, specifically the deployment of troops for election duty in coordination with the concerned Regional Election Director, Provincial Election Supervisor and Election Officer;

**WHEREAS**, COMELEC Resolution No. 11100 provides for the guidelines and instructions for the Election Officers and concerned Field Officials relative to the activities in connection with the 12 May 2025 National and Local Elections;

**WHEREAS**, the security environment in some areas of the country pose threats to the peaceful and orderly conduct of elections on 12 May 2025, the need to deploy personnel from the PNP and AFP to act as Special Electoral Board (SEB) is imperative;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code of the Philippines and other election laws, the Commission **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to promulgate the following Guidelines for the Deployment of the PNP and AFP Personnel to act as SEB in the 12 May 2025 National and Local Elections:

**SECTION 1. General Guidelines-** The Commission will deploy members of the PNP and AFP to act as SEBs under the following circumstances:

1. That the peace and order situation in the area requires the deployment of PNP and AFP personnel to serve as SEB as determined by the COMELEC;
2. That the deployment of PNP and AFP as SEB shall be under the operational command and control of the COMELEC;
3. That there are no other qualified, willing and available persons to render election service in the affected area based on the certification issued by concerned officials as mentioned in Section 14 (Order of Preference), COMELEC Resolution No. 11100; and
4. That the area is categorized as RED Election Area of Concern and/or declared under **COMELEC Control**;

**SECTION 2. AFP as SEB** -The AFP shall serve only as a last resort, and only when no other qualified individuals are available, with prior approval of the AFP Chief of Staff.

**SECTION 3. Qualification** - The following are the considerations in selecting the PNP and AFP personnel who will act as SEBs<sup>1</sup>:

1. Of good moral character and irreproachable reputation;
2. Of known integrity and competence;
3. Has never been convicted of any election offense or of any crime punishable by more than six (6) months of imprisonment, or has no pending Information of any election offense; and
4. Able to speak and write Filipino, English, or the local dialect.

**SECTION 4. Disqualification** - No person shall be appointed as a member of the SEB if said person is related, within the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) civil degree of consanguinity or affinity, to any member of the same SEB, or to any candidate to be voted for in the polling place of assignment<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 7, COMELEC Resolution No. 11100.

<sup>2</sup> Section 8, COMELEC Resolution No. 11100.

**SECTION 5. Consideration in the Area for Deployment** - The following factors shall be considered in the deployment of PNP and AFP SEB:

1. That the members of the SEB for deployment in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) shall not come from the same region, province, city or municipality, except as reserve SEB;
2. That the members of the SEB that will be deployed in Regions other than BARMM, may come from the same region, province, city or municipality where they are assigned as PNP and AFP personnel;
3. That at least one (1) of the three (3) SEB underwent training, IT-capable and is certified by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST);

Specific deployment of trained SEBs shall be approved by the *Commissioner-in-Charge of the Gun Ban and Security Concerns Committee (GSC)*.

**SECTION 6. Issuance of Appointment** - Appointment of PNP and AFP SEBs, PNP Supervising Official and Support Staff shall immediately be issued by the *Election Officer of the Municipality where they are assigned*.

**SECTION 7. Exemption from the Ban on Transfer** - To facilitate the immediate mobilization of the PNP and AFP personnel as SEB, including those from the Special Action Force (SAF) of the PNP who will be deployed for security and peacekeeping purposes, their transfer shall be exempted from the prohibition on the transfer of officers and employees in the civil service during the election period, from 12 January 2025 to 11 June 2025<sup>3</sup>.

**SECTION 8. Hierarchy of Authority** - In the performance of their poll- related duties, PNP and AFP personnel shall report to, seek guidance, and follow the directives and instructions of the *Election Officer in the locality where they are assigned*.

In the performance of their security, law enforcement and public safety operations, the PNP and AFP personnel shall take and follow instructions, directives and orders from their *Chief of Police / Team Leaders*.

**SECTION 9. Expenses** - The PNP and AFP shall allocate funds for the meals and other incidental expenses of their personnel acting as SEB, chargeable against the Support Fund provided by the Commission to these agencies.

**SECTION 10. Payment of Honoraria** - A Special Disbursement Officer shall be designated for purposes of the payment of Honoraria of the Chairperson and Members of the SEB.

ROLE	HONORARIA (GROSS AMOUNT)
Chairperson of the SEB	Php 12,000.00
Members of the SEB	Php 11,000.00

The Honoraria shall be paid within fifteen (15) days from the date of the election.

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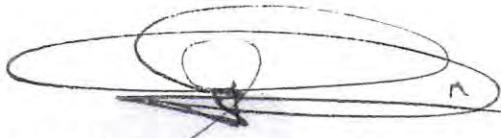
<sup>3</sup> COMELEC Resolution No. 11059 & Section 261 (h), Batas Pambansa Blg. 881, Omnibus Election Code.

**SECTION 11. Service Credit** - A minimum of five (5) days service or leave credit shall accrue to the PNP and AFP personnel serving as SEB, if applicable, or its equivalent.

**SECTION 12. Effectivity** - This resolution shall take effect immediately after posting at the Commission's official website and publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Let the Education and Information Department cause the widest dissemination of this Resolution. The Information and Technology Department is likewise directed to post this Resolution in the official COMELEC website.

SO ORDERED.



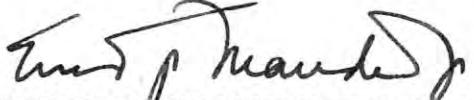
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