

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 144

SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ON THE MAY 11, 1987 ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS
OF CONGRESS

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Special Registration of Voters. - For purposes of the elections for Members of Congress on May 11, 1987, the Commission on Elections, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, shall hold a special registration of voters on April 11 and 12, 1987, in accordance with Executive Order No. 50 dated October 20, 1986.

SECTION 2. Board of Canvassers. - The Chairman and Members of the Commission on Elections sitting en banc shall be the National Board of Canvassers for the election of Senators. It shall canvass all certificates of canvass coming from and prepared by the district, provincial, and city boards of canvassers (of those cities which comprise one or more legislative districts).

Furthermore, there shall be a board of canvassers for each province, city, municipality and district of Metropolitan Manila, as follows:

a) Provincial board of canvassers. - The provincial board of canvassers shall be composed of the provincial election supervisor or a senior lawyer in the regional office of the Commission, as chairman, the provincial fiscal, as vice-chairman, and the provincial superintendent of schools, as member.

This board shall canvass certificates of canvass from the municipalities and the cities which do not comprise at least one legislative district. It shall proclaim as elected the candidates for the House of Representatives who obtained the highest number of votes in the respective legislative districts.

With respect to the election for senators, the provincial board of canvassers shall prepare in duplicate a certificate of canvass supported

by a statement of votes received by each candidate in each municipality/city, and transmit the first copy thereof to the Commission on Elections for canvassing. The second copy shall be kept by the provincial election supervisor.

b) City board of canvassers for cities comprising one or more legislative districts. - The city board of canvassers for cities comprising one or more legislative districts shall be composed of the city election registrar or lawyer of the Commission, as chairman, the city fiscal, as vice-chairman, and the city superintendent of schools, as member.

This board shall canvass election returns coming from the polling places within the jurisdiction of the city, and shall proclaim as elected the candidate or candidates for the House of Representatives who obtained the highest number of votes in the legislative district or respective legislative districts.

With respect to the election for senators, this board shall prepare in duplicate a certificate of canvass supported by a statement of votes received by each candidate in each polling place and transmit the first copy to the Commission on Elections for canvassing. The second copy shall be kept by the city election registrar.

c) District board of canvassers. - The district board of canvassers shall be composed of a lawyer of the Commission, as chairman, and a ranking fiscal in the district, as vice-chairman, and the most senior district school supervisor in the district, as member, to be appointed by the Commission upon consultation with the Department of Justice and the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, respectively.

This board shall canvass election returns coming from the polling places within the jurisdiction of the district and shall proclaim as elected the candidate for the House of Representatives who obtained the highest number of votes in the legislative district.

With respect to the election for senators, the same procedure shall be followed by this board as that observed by the city board of canvassers for cities comprising one or more legislative districts.

d) City/municipal board of canvassers. - The city (for cities not comprising at least one legislative district) or municipal board of canvassers shall be composed of the city/municipal election registrar, as chairman, the city fiscal/municipal treasurer, as the case may be, as vice-chairman, and the city superintendent/district supervisor or in his absence any public school principal, as the case may be, as member.

This board shall canvass election returns coming from the polling places within its jurisdiction, but shall not proclaim any winner in the election for Members of the House of Representatives or for Senators.

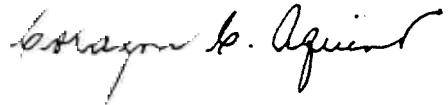
This board shall prepare in triplicate a certificate of canvass supported by a statement of votes received by each candidate in each polling place, and transmit the first copy thereof to the provincial board of canvassers for canvassing. The second copy shall be transmitted to the Commission for record purposes, and the third copy shall be kept by the city/municipal election registrar.

SECTION 3. Applicability of Batas Pambansa Blg. 881. The pertinent provisions of Batas Pambansa Blg. 881, which are not in conflict with the provisions herein provided, shall remain in full force and effect and are hereby adopted as parts hereof.

SECTION 4. Repealing clause. - All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect upon its approval

Done in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.



By the President:



JOKER P. ARROYO
Executive Secretary