

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 198

PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Section 5(2), Article VI of the 1987 Constitution provides, that: "The party-list representatives shall constitute twenty per centum of the total number of representatives including those under the party-list. For three consecutive terms after the ratification of this Constitution, one-half of the seats allocated to party-list representatives shall be filled, as provided by law, by selection or election from the labor, peasant, urban poor, indigenous cultural communities, women, youth, and such other sectors as may be provided by law, except the religious sector";

WHEREAS, Section 7, Article XVIII of the 1987 Constitution states, "Until a law is passed, the President may fill by appointment from a list of nominees by the respective sectors the seats reserved for sectoral representation in paragraph (2), Section 5 of Article VI of this Constitution";

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

SECTION 1. Sectoral Representatives. - There shall be twenty-five (25) sectoral representatives to the House of Representatives.

Nine (9) sectors shall be represented in the House of Representatives, namely: (a) labor; (b) peasant; (c) urban poor; (d) indigenous cultural communities; (e) women; (f) youth; (g) veterans; (h) the elderly and (i) the disabled, whose representatives shall be appointed by the President from the nominees of their respective sectors or of a member of the sector in the manner herein provided.

SECTION 2. Scope of the Sectors. - The labor sector refers to the industrial labor group, which includes all non-agricultural workers and employees.

The peasant sector covers the agricultural group, which includes all persons who personally and physically till the land as their principal occupation, agricultural tenants and lessees, rural workers and farm employees, owner-cultivators, settlers and small fishermen.

The urban poor sector includes the underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban areas.

The indigenous cultural communities sector covers all ethnic groups and cultural communities.

The women sector shall cover all women.

The youth sector embraces persons not more than thirty-five years of age.

The veterans sector embraces persons recognized as such veterans by the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The elderly sector covers persons who are sixty-five years of age or over.

The sector of the disabled covers the physically and socially disabled.

SECTION 3. Nominations. - (a) Nominations of the sectoral representatives to the House of Representatives must be made by the organization/s or aggroupment of members of the sectoral groups defined in Section 2 hereof or by a member of the sector.

(b) All nominations shall be filed with the Office of the President not later than July 20, 1987.

(c) Nominations must be in writing and accompanied by the following supporting documents, namely: (i) curriculum vitae of the nominee/s; (ii) an indication of the sector to be represented by the nominee; (iii) an endorsement of the nominating group or individual; and (iv) such other relevant materials as may help the appointing authority.

SECTION 4. Term. - The sectoral representatives appointed to the House of Representatives shall serve until noon of June 30, 1992.

SECTION 5. Vacancy. - In case of vacancy in the seats reserved for sectoral representatives in the House of Representatives, the President shall fill the vacancy

by appointing a representative for such sector who shall serve for the unexpired term.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. - Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that may be deemed unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions thereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 18th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

Corason B. Aquino

By the President:

[Signature]
ROKER P. ARROYO
Executive Secretary

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