

Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Manila

**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE FILING OF
MANIFESTATION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE, AND SUBMISSION OF
NAMES OF NOMINEES UNDER THE PARTY-LIST SYSTEM OF
REPRESENTATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE 14 MAY, 2007
SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS.**

Promulgated: 12 January 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 7804

The Commission on Elections by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code and other election laws, **RESOLVED** to promulgate, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to promulgate, the following RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE FILING OF MANIFESTATION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE, AND SUBMISSION OF NAMES OF NOMINEES UNDER THE PARTY-LIST SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATION in connection with the May 14, 2007 synchronized national and local elections.

SECTION 1. *Who may file manifestation of intent to participate.* - Any organized groups duly registered under the party-list system of representation may file with the Commission a manifestation of intent to participate in the party-list election.

SECTION 2. *Who may participate.* - The following organized groups may participate in the party-list election:

- a) **Sectoral party** - an organized group of citizen whose principal advocacy pertains to the special interests and concerns of the following sectors: Labor; Peasant; Urban Poor; Indigenous Cultural Communities; Elderly; Handicapped; Women; Youth; Overseas Workers; Fisherfolk; Vettrans; and Professionals;
- b) **Sectoral organization** - a group of qualified voters bound together by similar physical attributes or characteristics, or by employment, interests or concerns;
- c) **Political party** - an organized group of qualified voters pursuing the same ideology, political ideas and principles for the general conduct of the government;

It is a national party when its constituency is spread over the geographical territory of a majority of the regions. It is a regional party when its constituency is spread over the geographical territory of at least a majority of the cities and provinces comprising the region.

- d) **Coalition** - an aggrupation of duly-registered national, regional, sectoral parties or organizations for political and/or election purposes.

SECTION 3. *Where to file manifestation of intent to participate.* - The manifestation of intent to participate by any of the abovementioned organized

groups shall be filed with the Clerk of the Commission, Commission on Elections, Manila, in twelve (12) legible copies.

Additional thirteen (13) copies shall be filed by a political party with a national constituency.

The manifestations must be signed by their President or Secretary-General.

Manifestations filed by mail, telegram or facsimile shall not be accepted.

A sample form of the manifestation of intent to participate is attached as Annex "A."

SECTION 4. *When to file manifestation of intent to participate.* – Manifestation of intent to participate in the party-list election shall be filed from January 15, 2007 to February 12, 2007.

SECTION 5. *Content of manifestation of intent to participate.* – The manifestation of intent to participate shall be under oath and state the following: a) name and nature of the filer, whether a sectoral party, sectoral organization, political party or coalition; b) the date of its registration with the Commission; c) that at no time has it ceased to exist for a period of one (1) year from the time of its registration; d) its desire to participate in the party-list election.

SECTION 6. *Receiving and recording of manifestation of intent to participate.* – Upon receipt of the requirements provided for in Section 5 hereof, the Clerk of the Commission shall receive and acknowledge receipt of the manifestation of intent to participate by stamping every copy of each manifestation with the date and time of its receipt, and the signature of the officer who actually received the same. A copy of each manifestation shall be forwarded to the Law Department for the preparation of the certified list of parties participating in the party-list election.

No manifestation of intent to participate shall be received after 12:00 o'clock midnight of February 12, 2007.

SECTION 7. *Distribution of copies.* – The copies of the manifestation of intent to participate shall be distributed by the Clerk of the Commission, as follows:

- a) First copy, to be retained by the Clerk of the Commission;
- b) Second copy, to the Commission en banc through the Chairman;
- c) Third copy, to the Law Department;
- d) Fourth copy, to the Election Records and Statistics Department; and
- e) Fifth copy, to the Comelec Secretary.

SECTION 8. *Submission of names of nominees.* – A registered party shall submit to the Law Department, Commission on Elections, Manila, not later than March 30, 2007, a list of not less than five (5) nominees from which the representatives shall be chosen in case it obtains the required number of votes.

SECTION 9. *Qualification of nominees.* – A party-list nominee must be:

1. A natural-born citizen of the Philippines;
2. A registered voter;
3. A resident of the Philippines for a period of not less than one (1) year immediately preceding election day;
4. Able to read and write;
5. A bona fide member of the party he seeks to represent for at least ninety days preceding election day;
6. At least twenty-five (25) years of age;
7. A Filipino citizen who belongs to the marginalized and underrepresented sector/s the sectoral party, organization, political party or coalition he seeks to represent; and
8. Able to contribute to the formulation and enactment of appropriate legislation that will benefit the nation as whole.

In case of the youth sector, he must be at least twenty-five (25) but not more than thirty (30) years of age on the day of election. Any youth sectoral representative who attains the age thirty (30) during his term shall be allowed to continue in office until the expiration of his term.

SECTION 10. *Limitations to party-list nominations.* – The following are the limitations to list of nominees filed by a registered party:

- a) A person may be nominated by one party in one (1) list only;
- b) Only persons who given their consent in writing and under oath may be named in the list;
- c) The list shall include any candidate for any elective office in the same election, or has lost in his bid for an elective office in the immediately-preceding election;
- d) No change of name or alteration of the order of nominees shall be allowed after the list has been submitted to the Commission, except in valid cases of substitution.

Any nomination violate of the foregoing four (4) limitations shall result in the disqualification of the nominee concerned.

SECTION 11. *Effects acceptance of nomination.* – Nominees holding appointive or elective offices may continue to hold office even after acceptance of their nomination. The one-year prohibition from being hired or rehired in a public office after their party-list organizations fail to secure the needed votes to qualify them for a seat in the House of Representatives, shall not apply to them.

SECTION 12. *Withdrawal of nomination or acceptance of nomination.* - Withdrawal of nominations or acceptance of nominations shall be in writing and under oath, and filed with the Law Department of the Commission in Manila before the close of polls.

A nominee who withdraws his acceptance to the nomination shall not be eligible for nomination by other parties.

SECTION 13. *Substitution of nominees.* - A party-list nominee may be substituted only when he dies, or his nomination is withdrawn by the party, or he becomes incapacitated to continue as such, or he withdraws his acceptance to a nomination. In any of these cases, the name of the substitute nominee shall be placed last in the list of nominees.

No substitution shall be allowed by reason of withdrawal after the close of polls.

SECTION 14. *Effectivity.* - This resolution shall take effect on the seventh (7th) day following its publication in two (2) daily newspapers or general circulation in the Philippines.

SECTION 15. *Dissemination.* - The Education and Information Department shall cause the publication of this resolution, and furnish copies thereof to all field offices of the Commission as well as to the President or Secretary-General of all parties, organizations or coalitions registered under the party-list system, including those which have already filed their applications for registration.

SO ORDERED.

IN RE: MANIFESTATION OF

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THE PARTY-LIST SYSTEM OF
REPRESENTATION IN THE
MAY 14, 2007 ELECTIONS

SPP NO. _____ (PLM)

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MANIFESTATION

COMES NOW, the undersigned _____
(President/Chairman/Secretary-General)
of _____ respectfully states:
(Name of Party)

1. That the full name of the _____
(Sectoral Party/ Organization/ Coalition/ Political Party)
is _____
and its registered acronym is _____.

2. That it was registered on _____ as a

(Sectoral Party/ Organization/ Coalition/ Political Party)
is _____
and its registered acronym is _____.

3. That it hereby manifests its desire to participate in the Party-List
System of Representation in May 14, 2007 elections;

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed that

(Name of Sectoral Party/ Organization/ Coalition/ Political Party)
with the acronym _____ be allowed to
participate in the Party-List System of Representation in the May 14, 2007
elections.

_____, Manila, _____ 2007.

(Signature over Printed Name of
President/ Chairman/ Secretary-General)

ATTESTATION:

I, _____, the _____
(Name of official) (Title of Official)

of the _____ legal age, and with
postal address at _____ after
having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, hereby depose and state that:

1. I am one of the officers of the _____
(Name of Sectoral Party)

(Organization/Coalition/Political Party)
duly authorized to verify the foregoing Manifestation;

2. I have caused the foregoing Manifestation to be prepared and
filed with the Commission on Elections; and

3. I have read and understood the contents thereof and
acknowledge that the same are true and correct based on my
personal knowledge.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this _____
day of _____, 2007, affiant exhibit to me his/her Community Tax
Certificate No. _____, issued on _____ at
_____.

NOTARY PUBLIC
PTR NO. _____
My Commission Expires on _____

Doc. No. _____;
Page No. _____;
Book No. _____;
Series of 2007.