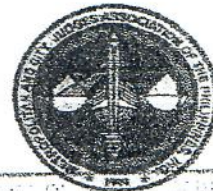




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Through: **HON. ANTONIO T. CARPIO**  
Acting Chief Justice

Your Honors:

Greetings from the Metropolitan and City Judges Association of the Philippines (MetCJAP).

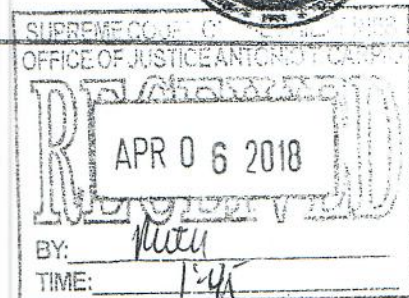
The 14 May 2018 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections is near. In response to the clamor of our judges members, especially those designated as Special Election Courts<sup>1</sup>, we are submitting for your consideration our proposed amendments<sup>2</sup> to AM No. 07-4-15 SC Rules of Procedure in Election Contests Before the Courts Involving Elective Municipal and Barangay Officials.

For Your Honors' consideration and approval.

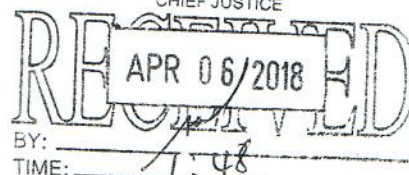
Thank you very much and More Power.

Truly yours,

Hon. Leilani Marie B. Grimares  
President MetCJAP



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<sup>2</sup> Proposed Amendments to AM NO. 07-4-15 SC

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**Board Resolution No. 2018-1**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS  
TO AM NO. 07-4-15-SC

*Rules of Procedure in Election Contests Before the  
Courts Involving Elective Municipal and Barangay  
Officials*

WHEREAS, the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections is slated on 14 May 2018;

WHEREAS, pursuant to AM NO. 07-4-15-SC Rules of Procedure in Election Contests Before the Courts Involving Elective Municipal and Barangay Officials, first level courts have exclusive jurisdiction over elections protest and *quo warranto* proceedings involving Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials;

WHEREAS, in order to aid the courts in the prompt, efficient and credible resolution of these cases, there is an urgent need to revisit and amend some provisions of AM NO. 07-4-15-SC;

WHEREAS, pursuant to its mandate to assist its member judges in the effective discharge of their judicial functions, the members of the Board of Trustees hereby adopts and promulgates this Resolution to implore the Supreme Court for the following reliefs;

1. The immediate creation of a Special Committee for the Revision of AM NO. 07-4-15-SC Rules of Procedure in Election Contests Before the Courts Involving Elective Municipal and Barangay Officials; and

2. For the Supreme Court En Banc and/or the Committee on Rules to consider the proposed amendments<sup>1</sup> to the existing rules submitted by the MetCJAP.

Adopted and Promulgated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018, Manila Philippines.

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<sup>1</sup> Proposed Amendments attached.

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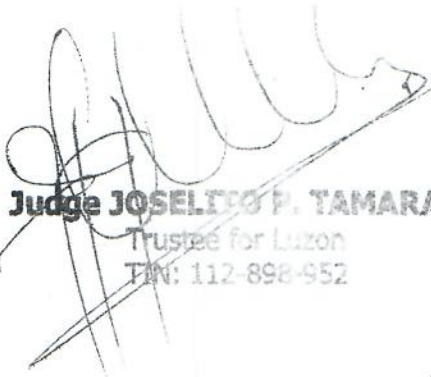
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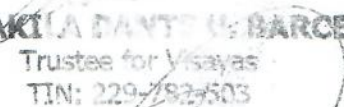



  
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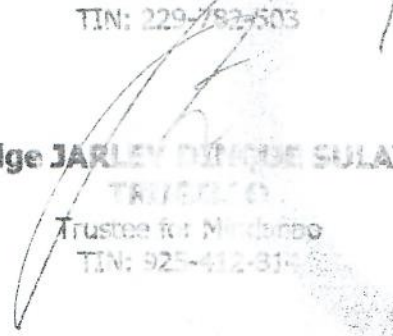
  
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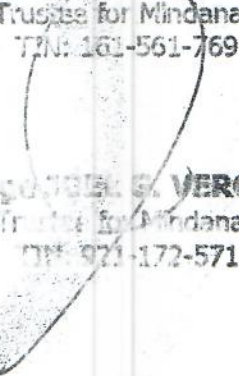
  
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**Proposed Revisions on A.M. # 07-4-15-SC**  
**Rules of Procedure in Election Contests Before the Courts Involving**  
**Elective Municipal and Barangay Officials**

By  
Metropolitan and City Judges Association of the Philippines

The 14 May 2018 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections is anticipated to be a contentious political exercise. Consequently, the courts designated as special election courts are expected to be swamped with election protest and *quo warranto* cases. Pursuant to A.M. # 07-4-15-SC Rules of Procedure in Election Contests Before the Courts Involving Elective Municipal and Barangay Officials, resolution of election cases should be given preference by the courts.

In order to discharge this mandate, the Metropolitan and City Judges Association of the Philippines (MetCJAP) hereby submits for consideration of the Supreme Court the following proposed amendments to the existing rules:

1. **Rule 9 Section 4 Preliminary Conference Brief – (contents of the brief):**
  - a.) The testimonies of the parties' witnesses should comply with the rules on Judicial Affidavit
  - b.) A manifestation that the parties will resort to a technical examination of the ballots should be included in their respective Preliminary Conference Briefs.
2. **Rule 10 Section 9 Post-revision determination of the merit or legitimacy of protest prior to revision of counter-protest**

It is respectfully submitted that the committee on Rules should re-examine this procedure and perhaps consider reconciling and adopting the current rules/practice *vis a vis* recount/revision proceedings in the COMELEC and at the HRET.

Under Section 6 Rule 15 of COMELEC Resolution no. 8804 at least five days PRIOR to the scheduled recount of ballots, the protestant shall submit a LIST of his DESIGNATED PILOT PRECINCTS constituting at most twenty percent (20%) of the total number of his protested clustered precincts, but in no case exceeding two hundred (200) clustered precincts or be less than twenty (20) clustered precincts, that will best attest to the votes recovered or will best exemplify the merits or legitimacy of his protest.

On the other hand, Rule 37 of the 2011 Rules of the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal, provide for an almost similar provision, viz:

xxx - the Protestant, in case the protest involves more than 50% of the total number of precincts shall be required to slate and designate in writing within a fixed period at most twenty five percent (25%) of the total number of precincts involved in the protest which said party deems as best exemplifying or demonstrating the electoral irregularities or fraud pleaded by him xxx-

**PROPOSED REVISION :** To amend Rule 2 Section 11 (contents of the protest or petition) and require the protestant (and the protestee as well in case of a counter protest) to allege and identify in its protest the # of precincts that would correspond to at least 20% of the contested or counter-protested precincts

3. Rule 14 Section 1 Rendition of Judgment

- a. Extension of period within which to decide the election protest case from thirty days to sixty (60) days
- b. Removal of the penal provision "Failure to comply herewith shall be considered a serious offense and shall be a ground for disciplinary action against the judge."

4. Rule 14 Section 11. Execution Pending Appeal

**PROPOSED REVISION - extension of period** for the parties to secure a temporary restraining order from the Commission on Elections vis a vis implementation of Special Order for Execution Pending Appeal from twenty (20) working days to at least thirty (30) working days.