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GUIDELINES ON THE FILING OF CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION OF OFFICIAL CANDIDATES OF REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUGUST 08, 2011 ELECTION OF REGIONAL OFFICIALS IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM).

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RESOLUTION NO. 9212
April 28, 2011

The Commission on Elections, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, the Omnibus Election Code, and other election laws, RESOLVED to promulgate, as it hereby RESOLVES to promulgate, the following rules and guidelines on the filing of certificates of candidacy and nomination of official candidates of registered political parties in connection with the August 08, 2011 election of regional officials in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

SECTION 1. Certificate of Candidacy. — a) No person shall be elected Regional Governor, Regional Vice-Governor, or Member, Regional Legislative Assembly unless he files a sworn certificate of candidacy in the form prescribed by the Commission and within the period fixed herein.

b) No person shall be eligible for more than one office to be filled in the same election. If he files a certificate of candidacy for more than one office he shall not be eligible for any of them. However, before the expiration of the period for the filing of certificate of candidacy, the person who has filed more than one

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certificate of candidacy may declare under oath the office for which he desires to be eligible and cancel the certificate of candidacy for the other office or offices. Said declaration shall be filed personally or through his duly authorized representative with the proper office in accordance with Sec. 3 hereof.

c) A person who has filed a certificate of candidacy may, prior to the election, withdraw the same pursuant to Section 13 hereof.

d) The filing or withdrawal of a certificate of candidacy shall not affect whatever civil, criminal or administrative liabilities which a candidate may have incurred.

SEC. 2. Contents of Certificate of Candidacy. – The certificate of candidacy shall be under oath and shall state that the person filing it is announcing his candidacy for the office and constituency stated therein; that he is eligible for said office, his age, gender, civil status, place and date of birth, his citizenship, whether natural-born or naturalized; the registered political party to which he belongs, if any; if married, the full name of the spouse; his legal residence, giving the exact address, the precinct number, barangay, city or municipality and province where he is a registered voter; his post office address for election purposes; his profession or occupation or employment; that he is not a permanent resident of or an immigrant to a foreign country; that he will support and defend the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines and will maintain true faith and allegiance thereto; that he will obey the laws, legal orders, decrees, resolutions, rules and regulations promulgated and issued by the duly-constituted authorities; that he assumes the foregoing obligations voluntarily without mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that the facts stated in the certificate are true and correct to the best of his own knowledge.

Unless a candidate has officially changed his name through a court-approved proceeding, a candidate shall use in a certificate of candidacy the name by which he has been baptized or if he has not been baptized in any church or religion, the name registered in the office of the local civil registrar or any other name under the provisions of existing law or, in the case of a Muslim, his Hadji name after performing the prescribed religious pilgrimage: provided, that when there are two or more candidates for an office with the same name

and surname, each candidate, upon being made aware of such fact, shall state his paternal and maternal surname, except the incumbent who may continue to use the name and surname stated in his certificate of candidacy when he was elected.

The person filing the certificate of candidacy may include one nickname or stage name by which he is generally or popularly known in the locality; Provided: That no candidate shall use the nickname, stage name or initials of another. In case of several nicknames or stage names, only the nickname or stage name first written shall be considered. He shall affix his signature, thumbmark and his latest passport size photograph (taken not more than three (3) months before the date of filing his certificate of candidacy); and if he so desires, a statement in duplicate containing his bio-data and program of government not exceeding one hundred words.

Titles, such as DON, DATU, DOCTOR, GINOO, or words of similar imports shall not be allowed.

SEC. 3. – Where to File Certificate of Candidacy. – The certificate of candidacy shall be filed in FIVE (5) LEGIBLE COPIES with the offices of the Commission specified hereunder:

ELECTIVE OFFICE	COMELEC Office where the certificates shall be filed
Regional Governor Regional Vice Governor	Office of the Regional Election Director, ARMM
Member, Regional Legislative Assembly	Office of the Provincial Election Supervisor concerned

The certificate of candidacy shall be filed by the candidate personally or by his duly authorized representative. No certificate of candidacy shall be filed or accepted by mail, telegram or facsimile. The authority of the authorized representative shall be in writing and under oath, and attached to the certificate of candidacy.

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Certificate of candidacy not filed with the correct offices as enumerated above shall not be accepted.

The filing of the certificate of candidacy of a substitute candidate, in case of valid substitution, shall be filed in accordance with Section 14 hereof.

A sample form of the certificate of candidacy shall be distributed free of charge and no filing fee shall be imposed. Copies of the certificates of candidacy are attached as Annexes "A" and "B".

SEC. 4. *Period for Filing Certificate of Candidacy.* – The filing of certificate of candidacy shall be from 8:00 o'clock in the morning up to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon, beginning May 14, 2011 up to May 17, 2011, inclusive of Saturday and Sunday, and from 8:00 o'clock in the morning to 12:00 midnight on May 18, 2011.

No certificate of candidacy and/or party nomination shall be received after 12:00 o'clock midnight of the last day for filing certificates of candidacy, except in cases of proper and valid substitution under Section 14 hereof.

SEC. 5. *Certificates of Nomination of Official Candidates by the Political Party.* — The certificate of nomination of registered political parties or coalitions of political parties of their official candidates shall be filed, in five (5) legible copies, not later than the last day for filing of certificates of candidacy, duly signed and attested under oath by the party president, chairman, secretary-general or any other duly authorized officer of the party, and shall bear the acceptance of the nominee. If the certificate of nomination of a candidate is filed within the period for filing of the certificate of candidacy but after his certificate of candidacy has been filed, he shall attach a copy of the certificate of nomination shall be attached to the certificate of candidacy.

For this purpose, all registered political parties/fielding official candidates for the election shall, not later than May 09, 2011, submit to the Law Department the names and specimen signatures of the authorized signatories to official party nominations.

No certificate of nomination or any amendment thereto shall be filed after the last day for filing of certificate of candidacy, except in case of valid substitution under Section 14 hereof.

No political party shall be allowed to nominate candidates more than the number required to be voted for in an elective position; otherwise, all of the nominations shall be without effect and the candidate affected shall be considered as independent.

SEC. 6. *Independent Candidate.* – An independent candidate is one:

- 1) who has not been nominated by a registered political party or its duly authorized representative;
- 2) whose nomination has not been submitted by a registered political party;
- 3) who has not accepted a nomination from registered political party;
- 4) who accepts nominations from more than one registered political party, except in cases of coalitions of said political parties;
- 5) whose nomination was filed after the last day of filing of certificates of candidacy.

SEC. 7. *Effects of Filing Certificates of Candidacy.*—a) Any person holding a public appointive office or position including active members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and other officers and employees in government-owned or controlled corporations, shall be considered *ipso facto* resigned from his office upon the filing of his certificate of candidacy.

b) Any person holding an elective office or position shall not be considered resigned upon the filing of his certificate of candidacy for the same or any other elective office or positions.

SEC. 8. *Ministerial Duty of Receiving And Acknowledging Receipt of Certificates of Candidacy/Nomination; Recording.* – The receiving officer as provided for in Section 3 hereof shall have the ministerial duty to receive and acknowledge receipt of the certificates of candidacy of a candidate

and/or nomination by registered political parties or coalition of political parties on or before the deadline for filing of certificates of candidacy, provided said certificates are under oath, contain all the required data, and in the form prescribed by the Commission. He shall stamp every copy of each certificate with the date and time of its receipt and affix his signature thereon.

Thereafter, the receiving officer shall enter in a record book, the following data, leaving no space between entries: (a) date and time of receipt of the certificates; (b) assigned consecutive number thereof; (c) full name of the candidate; (d) the office for which the candidate is running; (e) the political party to which the candidate belongs and/or which nominated him, if any; (f) the number of copies actually received; and (g) the name of the receiving officer.

Without delay, after 12:00 o'clock midnight of the last day for filing certificate of candidacy, the receiving officer shall close the record book by placing a line immediately after the last entry and writing the word "closed". He shall then affix his signature below the word "closed" and indicate the date and exact time of closing.

SEC. 9. *Watchers of Candidates, Political Parties and Accredited Citizens' Arms.* — Any candidate, political party, accredited citizens' arm may appoint a watcher in connection with the filing and reception of the certificates of candidacy. The watcher shall be allowed to stay within the premises of the authorized receiving office and to take note of the proceedings but without interrupting or disturbing official business. Any watcher may report in writing to the Commission any irregularity, which may require appropriate action.

Watchers shall be entitled, upon written request, to secure from the receiving officer a copy of the full list of those who filed their certificates of candidacy and their respective positions.

SEC. 10. *Reports on and Delivery of Certificates of Candidacy.* — The receiving officer shall, using the program provided by the Information Technology Department (ITD):

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- 1) encode the candidates' information and save the same in two (2) compact discs (CD);
- 2) print a list of candidates and affix his signature thereon.

Not later than May 19, 2011, the receiving officer shall report, by rush telegram or any available fastest means of communication to the Commission through the Law Department, a complete list of candidates who have filed their certificates of candidacy as entered in the record book. Within the same period, the record book, list of candidates duly signed, CDs, and copies of the certificates of candidacy except one copy to be retained for file, as well as the original copy of nomination, if any, shall be delivered personally to the Law Department in Manila by the following:

- 1) Regional Election Director, for candidates for Regional Governor and Regional Vice-Governor;
- 2) Provincial Election Supervisor, for candidates for Member of the Regional Legislative Assembly.

SEC. 11. *Distribution of Certificates of Candidacy.* — The Law Department shall distribute the copies of the certificates of candidacy and CDs, as follows:

First and second copies, and one (1) CD, to be retained by the Law Department, COMELEC, Manila;

Third copy and one (1) CD, to ERSD, Comelec, Manila; and

Fourth copy, to the Office of the Executive Director;

SEC. 12. — *Preparation of the Certified List of Candidates.* — Immediately, upon receipt of the certificates of candidacy, the Law Department shall prepare the list of candidates and submit the same to the Commission for approval. Upon approval, the Law Department shall prepare, in hard and soft copies, the certified list of candidates and provide copies thereof to the Information Technology Department (ITD). The ITD shall, in turn, furnish the Printing Committee with the certified list of candidates.

SEC. 13. *Withdrawal of Certificate of Candidacy.* — Any person who has filed a certificate of candidacy may at any time before election day, subject to Section 14 hereof, file personally a statement of withdrawal under oath in five (5) legible copies with the office where the certificate of candidacy was filed. No statement of withdrawal shall be accepted if filed by a person other than the candidate, or by mail, telegram or facsimile.

The Regional Election Director or the Provincial Election Supervisor concerned shall, upon receipt of the withdrawal, notify the Law Department and the field offices concerned, by the fastest means of communication of the: a) full name of the candidate withdrawing; b) elective office concerned; c) political party, if any; and d) substitution made, if any. On the same date, he shall retain a file copy, and immediately forward to the Law Department all the other copies. The Law Department shall, in turn, distribute the copies to the offices/departments concerned as provided under Section 11 hereof.

The certificate of candidacy subject of the withdrawal shall be considered ipso facto withdrawn upon receipt of the sworn written statement of withdrawal by the Regional Election Director or the Provincial Election Supervisor, as the case may be.

SEC. 14. *Substitution of Candidates, In Case of Death, Disqualification or Withdrawal of Another, Permanent Incapacity.*—If after the last day for the filing of certificate of candidacy, an official candidate of a registered political party dies, withdraws or is disqualified for any cause, or permanently incapacitated, he may be substituted by a candidate belonging to, and nominated by, the same political party.

No substitution shall be allowed for any independent candidate. The substitute for a candidate who died, or disqualified by final judgment, or withdrew, or suffered permanent incapacity may file his certificate of candidacy up to mid-day of election day. If the disqualification, death or permanent disability should occur between the day before the election and mid-day of election day, the substitute candidate may file the certificate with any board of election inspectors in the political subdivision where he is a candidate.

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No person who has withdrawn his candidacy for a position shall be eligible as substitute candidate for any other position after the deadline for filing of certificates of candidacy.

SEC. 15. Nuisance Candidates. — The Commission may, *motu proprio*, or upon verified petition of an interested party, refuse to give due course to or cancel a certificate of candidacy if it is shown that said certificate has been filed to put the election process in mockery or disrepute, or to cause confusion among the voters by the similarity of names of registered candidates, or by other circumstances or acts which clearly demonstrate that the candidate has no *bona fide* intention to run for the office for which the certificate of candidacy has been filed and thus prevent a faithful determination of the true will of the electorate.

A verified petition to declare a duly registered candidate as a nuisance candidate shall be filed personally or through duly authorized representative with the Commission by any registered candidate within five (5) days from the last day for filing certificate of candidacy.

SEC. 16. Period to File Petitions to Deny Due Course to or Cancel a Certificate of Candidacy. — A verified petition seeking to deny due course to or cancel a certificate of candidacy may be filed by any person within five (5) days from the last day for the filing of certificate of candidacy but not later than twenty five (25) days from the time of the filing of certificate of candidacy, exclusively on the ground of material misrepresentation on the contents of the certificate of candidacy as required under Section 74 of the Omnibus Election Code (Batas Pambansa Blg. 881).

SEC. 17. Effects of Disqualification. — Any candidate who has been declared disqualified by final judgment shall not be voted for and the votes cast in his favor shall not be counted. If, for any reason, he is not declared disqualified by final judgment before the election and he is voted for and receives the winning number of votes, the case shall continue and upon motion of the petitioner, complainant, or intervenor, the proclamation of

such candidate may be ordered suspended during the pendency of the said case whenever the evidence of guilt is strong.

SEC. 18. Effectivity.—This Resolution shall take effect seven (7) days after its publication in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

SEC. 19. Dissemination.—The Education and Information Department shall cause the publication of this Resolution in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation, give the same the widest dissemination possible and furnish copies thereof to the Regional Election Director of ARMM and Provincial Election Supervisors and Election Officers of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi.

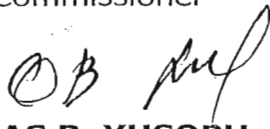
SO ORDERED.


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CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR REGIONAL GOVERNOR/VICE-GOVERNOR

INSTRUCTIONS: (Read well before filling up this form.)

1. File this in FIVE (5) LEGIBLE copies.
2. File this certificate of candidacy with the Office of the Regional Election Director of ARMM, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM starting May 14 to 17 2011, Inclusive of Saturday and Sunday and from 8:00 AM up to midnight of May 18 2011.
3. Attach to this certificate, the Certificate of Party Nomination unless you are an Independent candidate. After May 18, 2011, no certificate of nomination shall be accepted.
4. Title such as 'Dr., Atty., Don, Ginoo, Senor, Datu, Hadji, Sultan, Bai, Senora, Kapitan or similar titles are expressly prohibited.
5. This certificate shall be sworn before a notary public or any official authorized to administer oath. COMELEC officials are not authorized to administer oath.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the position of _____, in the August 08, 2011 Election of Regional Officials in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM); and after having been sworn to in accordance with law, hereby state the following:

1. MY NAME IS :

1.1 Last Name

1.2 First Name

1.3 Middle Name

2. I AM GENERALLY OR POPULARLY KNOWN BY THE NICKNAME OR STAGENAME :

(Indicate only one nickname or stage name)

8. I AM OFFICIALLY NOMINATED BY: (attach Certificate of Nomination)

9. MY RESIDENCE / ADDRESS IS:

9.1 Province

9.2 City / Municipality 9.3 Barangay

9.4 House No./ Street / Subdivision

10. MY POST OFFICE ADDRESS FOR ELECTION PURPOSES IS: (Could be the same as No. 8)

13. MY PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN ARMM BEFORE AUGUST 08, 2011 IS:

No. of Months No. of Years

14. MY PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES BEFORE AUGUST 08, 2011 IS:

No. of Months No. of Years

15. I AM A NATURAL-BORN/NATURALIZED FILIPINO CITIZEN.
16. I AM NOT A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF, OR IMMIGRANT TO, A FOREIGN COUNTRY.
17. PRIOR TO THIS ELECTION, I WAS NOT ELECTED AND SERVED FOR THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THE OFFICE I SEEK TO BE ELECTED.
18. I POSSESS ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS AND NONE OF THE DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE I SEEK TO BE ELECTED TO.
19. I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND WILL MAINTAIN TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE THERETO. I WILL OBEY THE LAWS, LEGAL ORDERS AND DECREES PROMULGATED BY THE DULY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES. I IMPOSE THIS OBLIGATION UPON MYSELF VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT MENTAL RESERVATION OR PURPOSE OF EVASION.

3. MY GENDER IS: Male Female

4. MY AGE IS: _____

5. MY DATE OF BIRTH IS:

Month Day Year

6. MY PLACE OF BIRTH IS:

City / Mun. _____
 Province _____

7. MY CIVIL STATUS IS:

Single Widow/er
 Married Legally Separated
 Annulled / Divorced
 Full Name of Spouse, If Married _____

11. MY PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION IS:

12. I AM A REGISTERED VOTER OF:

Precinct _____
 Barangay _____
 City / Mun. _____
 Province _____

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I hereby certify that the facts stated herein are true and correct of my own personal knowledge.

 Signature of Candidate Above Printed Name

OATH

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____, 2011 at _____, affiant exhibiting to me his/his Identification Card No. _____ Issued by: _____ On: _____

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**CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR
 MEMBER, REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

INSTRUCTIONS: (Read well before filling up this form.)

1. File this in FIVE (5) LEGIBLE copies.
2. File this certificate of candidacy with the Office of the Provincial Election Supervisor concerned, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM starting May 14 to 17 2011, inclusive of Saturday and Sunday, and from 8:00 AM up to midnight of May 18 2011.
3. Attach to this certificate, the Certificate of Party Nomination unless you are an Independent candidate. After May 18, 2011, no certificate of nomination shall be accepted.
4. Title such as 'Dr., Atty., Don, Ginoo, Senor, Datu, Hadji, Sultan, Bai, Senora, Kapitan or similar titles are expressly prohibited.
5. This certificate shall be sworn before a notary public or any official authorized to administer oath. COMELEC officials are not authorized to administer oath.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the position of Member, Regional Legislative Assembly, _____ District, Province of _____ in the August 08, 2011 Election of Regional Officials in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM); and after having been sworn to in accordance with law, hereby state the following:

1. MY NAME IS :

1.1 Last Name

1.2 First Name

1.3 Middle Name

2. I AM GENERALLY OR POPULARLY KNOWN BY THE NICKNAME OR STAGENAME :

(Indicate only one nickname or stage name)

8. I AM OFFICIALLY NOMINATED BY: (attach Certificate of Nomination)

**9. MY RESIDENCE/
 ADDRESS IS:**

9.1 Province

9.2 City / Municipality 9.3 Barangay

9.4 House No./ Street / Subdivision

12. MY POST OFFICE ADDRESS FOR ELECTION PURPOSES IS: (Could be the same as No. 9)

13. MY PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN THE DISTRICT WHERE I SEEK TO BE ELECTED BEFORE AUGUST 08, 2011 IS:

No. of Months No. of Years

14. MY PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES BEFORE AUGUST 08, 2011 IS:

No. of Months No. of Years

15. I AM A NATURAL-BORN/NATURALIZED FILIPINO CITIZEN.
16. I AM NOT A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF, OR IMMIGRANT TO, A FOREIGN COUNTRY.
17. PRIOR TO THIS ELECTION, I HAVE NOT BEEN ELECTED AND HAVE NOT SERVED FOR THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THE OFFICE I SEEK TO BE ELECTED.
18. I POSSESS ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS AND NONE OF THE DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE I SEEK TO BE ELECTED TO.
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6. MY PLACE OF BIRTH IS:

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 Province

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Single Widow/er
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Full Name of Spouse, If Married

**10. MY PROFESSION OR
 OCCUPATION IS:**

11. I AM A REGISTERED VOTER OF:

Precinct
 Barangay
 City / Mun.
 Province

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I hereby certify that the facts stated herein are true and correct of my own personal knowledge.

 Signature of Candidate Above Printed Name

OATH

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____, 2011 at _____, affiant exhibiting to me his/his Identification Card No. _____ Issued by: _____ On: _____

 (Officer Authorized to Administer Oath)

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