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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 5254, S-2011

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTION (COMELEC) TO DESIGN A PROCEDURE FOR THE ILLITERATE AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITY TO VOTE WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER PERSONS.

Introduced by Councilors EDEN "Candy" A. MEDINA and ALFREDO D. VARGAS III.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Francisco A. Calalay, Jr., Dorothy A. Delarmente, Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Joseph P. Juico, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Roderick M. Paulate, Godofredo T. Liban II, Julian ML. Coseteng, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Jaime F. Borres, Jose Mario S. De Leon, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Edcel B. Lagman, Jr., Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Jessica Castelo Daza, Raquel S. Malañgen, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Marvin C. Rillo, Ramulfo Z. Ludovica and John Ansell R. De Guzman.

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article V of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that:

"The Congress shall also design a procedure for the disabled and the illiterates to vote without the assistance of other persons. Until then, they shall be allowed to vote under existing laws and such rules as the Commission on Elections may promulgate to protect the secrecy of the ballot."

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9369, otherwise known as "An Act Authorizing the Commission on Elections to Use an Automated Election System in the May 1, 1998 National and Local Elections and in subsequent National and Local Electoral Exercises" authorizes the COMELEC to undertake such automation, a first in the political history of our country;

WHEREAS, since the 1907 elections under the American Colonial Government until the barangay elections last October 2007 or for a period of 100 years, the system of election was manual;

WHEREAS, last May 2010 an automated form of elections was conducted for the first time and that despite apprehensions, said election was proved to be successful;

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WHEREAS, the procedure in the automated election left certain areas unresolved such as the assistance to be provided to the illiterates and differently abled persons;

WHEREAS, the illiterates and persons with disability followed the old procedure of asking assistance from a third person in filling up their ballot and entrusting their personal right of suffrage to another person;

WHEREAS, if there were initiatives for the automation of the elections, there must also be a way to improve and provide a venue for the illiterates and differently abled persons to cast their votes without the assistance of other individuals;


WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the COMELEC, as provided for in the Constitution, to search for ways to provide a procedure that will best work for the illiterates and the differently abled members of our country.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to request, as it does hereby request the Commission on Elections to design a procedure for illiterate and persons with disability to vote without the assistance of other persons.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commission on Elections for its appropriate action.

ADOPTED: July 11, 2011.


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, dpa
City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on July 11, 2011 and was CONFIRMED on July 18, 2011.


DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, dpa
City Secretary