

PROTOCOL FOR THE VERIFICATION OF OFFICIAL BALLOTS BY THE ELECTORAL BOARDS (SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 71 OF RESOLUTION NO. 10460)

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PURPOSE



To ensure that the ballot ID and quantity of the official ballots assigned to a particular clustered precinct are correct.

SECTION 71, RESOLUTION NO. 10460 PRELIMINARIES TO THE VOTING



The EB shall:

- Meet at the polling place before 5am of Election Day;
- Ensure that the VCM Box and the ballot box are inside the polling place;
- Set-up the polling place. As far as practicable, the EB shall designate at least five (5) seats exclusively for PWDs, SC and heavily pregnant voters;
- Post one (1) copy of the PCVL of each precinct in the cluster, near or at the door of the polling place, preferably the pages /sheets are spread out to give free access to voters who are checking their names in the list, if there is a space;
- Show to the watchers and the public present that the:
 1. VCM box is sealed;
 2. Ballot box is empty and thereafter, lock with four (4) seals; and
 3. Package of Official Ballots is duly sealed, and thereafter, break the seal.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL



4. The EB Chairperson shall check:

- If the quantity of the Official Ballots (OBs) is correct, based on the number of registered voters and
- If the ballots IDs of the Official Ballots assigned to the clustered precinct are all the same.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL



What if the quantity of OBS in the package is not accurate and there are OBs of different ballot IDs?

- **Issue only OBs with Ballot ID assigned to the precinct to the voters.**
- **Separate the OBs with different IDs.**
- **Record in the Minutes and report the matter to the EO, who shall then submit a report to the Command Center.**

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL



What if the destination of the Obs with different Ballot ID is within the Voting Center?

- The DESO shall cause the delivery of the ballots to the EB concerned.
- Record in the Minutes and report the matter to the EO, who shall then submit a report to the Command Center.
- The EB shall announce the delivery/transfer of the OBs and request the watchers and representative of the citizen's arms to accompany the DESO/ representative to witness the delivery /transfer.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL



What if the destination of the OBs with different ballot ID is in another voting center but within the same municipality/city?

- The EO shall cause the delivery to its destination.
- Record in the Minutes and report the matter to the EO, who shall then submit a report to the Command Center.
- The EB shall announce the delivery/transfer of the OBs and request the watchers and representative of the citizen's arms to accompany the DESO/ representative to witness the delivery /transfer.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL



What if the destination of the OBs with different ballot id is to another municipality / city but within the same province?

- The PES shall cause the delivery and submit report to the Command Center.
- The EB shall announce the delivery/transfer of the OBs and request the watchers and representative of the citizen's arms to accompany the PES/ representative to witness the delivery /transfer.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL



What if the destination of the official ballots of the different ballot ID is to another municipality / city of another province?

- The concerned RED shall arrange for the delivery of the ballots to its destination and report the matter to the Command Center.
- The EB shall announce the delivery/transfer of the OBs and request the watchers and representative of the citizen's arms to accompany the RED/ representative to witness the delivery /transfer.

REMINDERS



- **Coordinate with the PNP/AFP to secure the delivery / transfer of the OBs if the delivery / transfer involves different voting centers / municipalities / cities / provinces / regions.**
- **In case the delivery / transfer is not feasible, concerned field official shall report the matter to the Command Center for appropriate action.**

WHAT IF THE NUMBER OF OBs ARE LESS THAN THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS, AND THERE ARE VOTERS WAITING FOR THEIR TURN TO VOTE?



IN NON-VRVM PILOT AREAS, the EB shall:

- Establish the identity of the voters through the EDCVL (as provided under Section 72 (b) 1, 2, 3,4 and 5, of Resolution No, 10460)
- Prepare the verified list of names of voters not accommodated due to lack of official ballots
- Inform the DESO, who shall coordinate with the EBs of the other polling places with available ballots to allow the voters to cast their votes
- Instruct said voters to vote in another polling place within the same voting center through the guidance of the DESO / DESO SS
- Record in the Minutes, the names of the voters
- The EB with available official ballots shall also record in the Minutes the names of voters who were allowed to vote in their assigned clustered precinct pursuant to this Resolution. Attached to the Minutes, the verified list of voters

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IN VRVM PILOT AREAS, the EB shall:

- **Conduct the verification of voters (provided under Sections 10, 11 and 12 of Resolution 10522 before the list is prepared)**
- **The verification receipt shall be presented to the EB with available official ballots before the voters are allowed to vote.**

THANK YOU!



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