



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL**  
COA-NCR Bldg., Batasan Road, Quezon City

FRANCIS N. TOLENTINO,  
Protestant,

- versus -

SET CASE No. 001-16

LEILA M. DE LIMA,  
Protestee.

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### RESOLUTION NO. 16-43

In Resolution No. 16-41 dated 27 March 2017, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) was required to file within five (5) days from receipt of the Resolution a comment on Protestant Tolentino's *Motion for Reconsideration (of Resolution No. 18-37 dated 02 March 2017)*. A copy of Resolution No. 16-41 having been served on the COMELEC Law Department on 29 March 2017, compliance therewith fell due on 03 April 2017.

On 03 April 2017, the COMELEC filed a *Motion for Extension of Time to File Comment (on Protestant Francis N. Tolentino's Motion for Reconsideration dated 15 March 2017)* dated 30 March 2017, alleging that as of 30 March 2017, the Law Department had yet to receive a copy of Protestant Tolentino's *Motion for Reconsideration* and that should the Law Department fail to receive a copy thereof until 31 March 2017, it shall endeavor to secure a copy of the same from the Tribunal starting on 03 April 2017.

The COMELEC therefore begged the indulgence of the Tribunal for an additional period of ten (10) days from 03 April 2017 or until 13 April 2017 or ten (10) days from the date of receipt of the subject *Motion for Reconsideration*, whether from the Protestant or from that secured from the Tribunal, whichever comes first, within which to file its Comment.

**ACTING** on the *Motion for Extension of Time to File Comment* (on Protestant Francis N. Tolentino's *Motion for Reconsideration* dated 15 March 2017), the Executive Committee of the Tribunal Resolves to **GRANT** the Commission on Elections additional period until 13 April 2017 within which to file the comment required in Resolution No. 16-41 dated 27 March 2017.

**SO ORDERED.**

**06 April 2017.**



**ANTONIO T. CARPIO**  
Senior Associate Justice  
Chairperson



**TERESITA J. LEONARDO-DE CASTRO**  
Associate Justice  
Member



**LUCAS P. BERSAMIN**  
Associate Justice  
Member