



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 – 65**

In the instant election protest, Protestant Tolentino moved for the revision of the ballots in those precincts where his votes were allegedly not counted or the Secure Digital (SD) cards were pre-loaded and/or the Automated Election System (AES) was by-passed. In some other precincts, he moved for the annulment of the election results alleging that the ballots were pre-shaded and/or there was an improbable 100% voter turn-out.

As reported by the Canvass Board Service of the Tribunal, a total of 681 ballot boxes have been collected from the pilot precincts of Protestant Tolentino. Of this number, 635 ballot boxes are for revision pursuant to the Protestant's motion.

Considering that more than ninety percent (90%) of the ballot boxes pertaining to the pilot precincts had been collected, the Tribunal resolves to set the commencement of the revision proceedings on 16 October 2017, Monday, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at the Tribunal Session Hall.

For this purpose, twenty (20) revision teams are hereby created. Each revision team shall be composed of a Head Revisor (HR) to be appointed by the Tribunal and one (1) representative to be designated by each party. Also to be

appointed are four (4) Alternate Head Revisors (AHR) for a ratio of one AHR to five revision teams.

The HR shall be entitled to a compensation of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) for every ballot box the contents of which are examined, while the AHR, acting as such, shall be entitled to a compensation of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) per day. The HR compensation shall be shouldered by Protestant Tolentino while the AHR compensation shall be shared equally by the parties. The compensation of the party representatives shall be determined and paid directly by the parties concerned.

The cost of revision is estimated as follows:

No. of Ballot Boxes	:	635 Ballot Boxes (BBs)
No. of Revision Teams	:	20 Teams
No. of Head Revisors	:	20 Head Revisors (HRs)
No. of Alternate Head Revisors	:	4 AHRs (1 AHR/5 Revision Teams)
No. of Revision Days	:	16 days (2 BBs / team / day)
Cost per Ballot Box	:	Php 1,000.00 / BB
Compensation of Alternate HR	:	Php1,000.00 / day

Below is the cost of revision to be charged against the parties:

Expense	Protestant Tolentino	Protestee de Lima
Compensation of Head Revisors (635 BBs @ Php 1,000.00 / BB)	Php635,000.00	
Compensation of Alternate Head Revisors (4 AHRs @ Php1,000.00 / day x 16 days / 2)	32,000.00	Php 32,000.00
TOTAL	Php667,000.00	Php 32,000.00

For Protestant Tolentino, the aforesaid amount shall be charged against his cash deposit. Protestee de Lima, on the other hand, must deposit her share of the revision cost not later than 05 October 2017.

Pursuant to Rule 47 of the 2013 SET Rules, the parties are required to submit for accreditation of the Tribunal not later than 09 October 2017 the names, addresses and "1 x 1" ID pictures of their respective party revisors which should



be equal in number to the revision teams formed, alternate party revisors, party supervisor and party counsel. Only those who are duly accredited shall be allowed to participate in or observe the revision proceedings.

The respective counsel of the parties are called to a pre-revision conference to discuss other details of the revision proceedings on Tuesday, 26 September 2017, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the SET Conference Room.

After the pre-revision conference, the parties' counsel are directed to appear before the Hearing Commissioner, Atty. James G. Allanigue, at the same venue, to set the dates for the reception of evidence particularly on matters or issues not related to or interwoven with the ballots and related election documents, pursuant to Rule 62 of the 2013 Rules of the Tribunal.

**IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING**, the Tribunal resolves to:

1. **SET** the commencement of the revision proceedings on 16 October 2017 at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at the Tribunal Session Hall;
2. **REQUIRE** the parties to submit for accreditation of the Tribunal not later than 09 October 2017 the names, addresses and "1 x 1" ID pictures of their respective party revisors, alternate party revisors, party supervisor and party counsel;
3. **REQUIRE** Protestee de Lima to deposit the amount of THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND PESOS (Php32,000.00) not later than 05 October 2017 as her share in the revision cost; and
4. **REQUIRE** the parties to attend, through their counsel, the pre-revision conference scheduled on 26 September 2017 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the SET Conference Room and to thereafter appear before the Hearing Commissioner, Atty. James G. Allanigue, at the same venue, for the purpose of setting the dates

for the reception of evidence particularly on matters or issues not related to or interwoven with the ballots and related election documents.

**SO ORDERED.**

14 September 2017.



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



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



**LUCAS P. BERSAMIN**  
Associate Justice  
Member



**MARIA LOURDES "NANCY" S. BINAY**  
Senator  
Member



**GRACE L. POE**  
Senator  
Member



**RICHARD J. GORDON**  
Senator  
Member



**JOEL MILLANUEVA**  
Senator  
Member



**FRANKLIN M. DRILON**  
Senator  
Member



**ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV**  
Senator  
Member