



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

FRANCIS N. TOLENTINO,
Protestant,

SET Case No. 001-16

-versus-

LEILA M. DE LIMA,
Protestee.

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RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 66

In Resolution No. 16-54 dated 18 July 2017, the Tribunal required the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) to submit to the Tribunal and to the parties within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the Resolution a written explanation on the impact of the proposed system date change of the Consolidation and Canvassing System (CCS) laptops, assessing the risks involved, if any, and to identify the Information Technology (IT) resource persons who prepared and/or contributed in the preparation of the explanation.

In the same Resolution, the parties were required to evaluate the COMELEC's explanation and to submit their respective comments within ten (10) days from receipt thereof, copy furnished the other party.

After two (2) *Motions for Extension* filed by the COMELEC which were granted in Resolution No. 16-58 dated 15 August 2017 and Resolution No. 16-61 dated 31 August 2017, COMELEC filed on 14 September 2017 its *Manifestation* with an attached *Compliance* dated 5 September 2017.

On 26 September 2017, Protestant Tolentino filed a *Motion for Extension* dated 25 September 2017, alleging that he received a copy of the COMELEC's *Manifestation* with the attached *Compliance* on 18 September 2017 and therefore has until 28 September 2017 within which to file his comment.

In said *Motion*, Protestant's counsel stated that he has already prepared a draft of Protestant's Comment, but in view of the need for Protestant to further confer with his Information Technology consultants on the technical matters raised in the COMELEC's *Compliance*, he is constrained to request for an extension of fifteen (15) days from 28 September 2017, or until 13 October 2017, within which to file the required Comment.

FINDING the *Motion* to be reasonable under the premises, the Executive Committee of the Tribunal resolves to **GRANT** Protestant Tolentino an extension of fifteen (15) days from 28 September 2017, or until 13 October 2017, within which to file his Comment.

SO ORDERED.

28 September 2017.


TERESITA J. LEONARDO-DE CASTRO
Associate Justice
Acting Chairperson


LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
Associate Justice
Member


FRANKLIN M. DRILON
Senator
Member