

## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

COA-NCR Bldg., Batasan Road, Quezon City

FRANCIS N. TOLENTINO,

Protestant,

**SET Case No. 001-16** 

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Protestee.

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## RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 119

In Resolution No. 16-117 dated 18 June 2018, the Executive Committee of the Tribunal granted the Commission on Elections additional period of fifteen (15) days from 10 June 2018, or until 25 June 2018, within which to file its comment on Protestant Tolentino's Motion dated 22 May 2018.

However, on 21 June 2018, the COMELEC, through its Law Department, filed a Second Motion for Extension of Time to File Comment. Citing voluminous workload of the Law Department as well as the hectic schedule of the concerned COMELEC officers to justify the insufficiency of the additional time previously granted, the COMELEC now requests an extension of fifteen (15) days from 25 June 2018 or until 10 July 2018.

Further, the COMELEC explains that the matter of accessing the raw audit logs and its procedure must be elevated to the *Commission En Banc* for approval and assures the Tribunal that this second request for extension of the period to file its comment is not intended to delay the proceedings of the instant case.

FINDING the grounds presented to be reasonable, the Executive Committee of the Tribunal Resolves to GRANT the Commission on Elections additional period of fifteen (15) days from 25 June 2018 or until 10 July 2018, within which to file the comment required in Resolution No. 16-115 dated 01 June 2018.

SO ORDERED. 25 June 2018.

ANTONIO T. CARPIO

Senior Associate Justice Chairperson

Ilrelia Lignardo de Castro TERESITA J. LEONARDO-DE CASTRO

Associate Justice Member