



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 – 120**

In an Order dated 26 April 2018, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), Second Division, directed its Election Records and Statistics Department (ERSD) to conduct the technical examination of the Voter's Registration Records (VRR) and the Election Day Computerized Voters Lists (EDCVL) in EPC No. 2016-37 (Abdulsakur M. Tan vs. Mujiv S. Hataman).

Records show that the VRR and EDCVL of Clustered Precinct No. 11 (69A, 70A, 70B) of Akbar, Basilan and Clustered Precinct No. 13 (23A, 23B, 24A, 25A, 25B) of Tabuan-Lasa, Basilan are in the custody of the Tribunal. Upon verification, these precincts are among the protested precincts in the aforesaid case.

While the Tribunal enjoys preference over the COMELEC in the custody of contested ballots and election documents under COMELEC Resolution No. 2812, dated 17 October 1995, it is the duty of all the adjudicatory bodies to coordinate and make arrangements with each other for the expeditious disposition of their respective protests cases. In the past, the Tribunal had allowed the COMELEC, subject to certain conditions, to take prior temporary custody of the contested ballot boxes and election documents for its use in protests pending before it.

**WHEREFORE**, in order not to delay the proceedings of the COMELEC in EPC No. 2016-37 (Abdulsakur M. Tan vs. Mujiv S. Hataman), the Executive Committee of the Tribunal resolves to **ALLOW** the transfer of the Voter's Registration Records (VRR) and the Election Day Computerized Voters Lists (EDCVL) of Clustered Precinct No. 11 (69A, 70A, 70B) of Akbar, Basilan and Clustered Precinct No. 13 (23A, 23B, 24A, 25A, 25B) of Tabuan-Lasa, Basilan to the custody of the Election Records and Statistics Department of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC-ERSD), *provided, however*, that said VRR and EDCVL must be returned to the Tribunal not later than 01 August 2018; *provided, further*, that it employs measures to safeguard and preserve the integrity of the subject election documents.

The Canvass Board Service of the Tribunal is directed to coordinate with the COMELEC-ERSD and to notify the parties herein of the actual date of transfer of the aforesaid documents.

**SO ORDERED.**

03 July 2018.

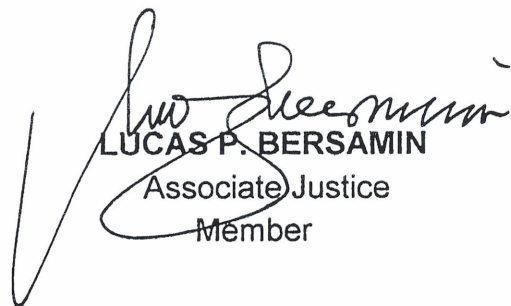


**ANTONIO T. CARPIO**  
Senior Associate Justice  
Chairperson



**TERESITA J. LEONARDO-DE CASTRO**

Associate Justice  
Member



**LUCAS P. BERSAMIN**  
Associate Justice  
Member