



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 - 52

In Resolution No. 16-46 dated 09 May 2017, the Executive Committee of the Tribunal required the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) and the counsel for Protestee de Lima to Comment within five (5) days from receipt of the Resolution on Protestant Tolentino's *Comment and Motion* dated 17 April 2017.

On 15 May 2017, Protestee de Lima seasonably filed her *Comment (To: Protestant Tolentino's Comment and Motion dated 17 April 2017)*. The COMELEC, on the other hand, filed on 15 May 2017 a *Motion for Extension of Time to File Comment (on Protestant Francis N. Tolentino's Comment and Motion dated 17 April 2017)* dated 12 May 2017. The COMELEC alleged that a copy of Resolution No. 16-46 was received by its Law Department on 11 May 2017. As such, compliance therewith fell due on 16 May 2017.

The COMELEC begged the indulgence of the Tribunal for an additional period of fifteen (15) days from 16 May 2017 or until 31 May 2017 within which to file its Comment due to the number of cases lodged with or filed against the Commission, all on top of its mandate and other duties.

ACTING on the *Motion for Extension of Time to File Comment (on Protestant Francis N. Tolentino's Comment and Motion dated 17 April 2017)*, the Executive Committee of the Tribunal resolves to **GRANT** the Commission on Elections

additional period until 31 May 2017 within which to file the comment required in Resolution No. 16-46 dated 09 May 2017.

SO ORDERED.

29 May 2017.



ANTONIO T. CARPIO
Senior Associate Justice
Chairperson



TERESITA J. LEONARDO-DE CASTRO
Associate Justice
Member



LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
Associate Justice
Member