

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51

CREATING A SCREENING COMMITTEE TO SCREEN AND RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT PERSONS WHO WILL BE APPOINTED AS OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNOR, REGIONAL VICE GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10153 synchronized the elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) with the national and local elections starting on the second (2nd) Monday of May 2013 and every three (3) years thereafter;

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the said synchronization of elections, there is a need to appoint Officers-in-Charge (OICs) for the Office of the Regional Governor, Regional Vice Governor, and Members of the Regional Legislative Assembly, who shall perform the functions pertaining to the said offices until the officials duly elected in the May 2013 elections shall have qualified and assumed office; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of R.A. No. 10153 mandates the creation of a screening committee to screen and recommend persons to be appointed as OICs for the ARMM.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Screening Committee. Pursuant to Section 4 of R.A. No. 10153, a Screening Committee is hereby created with the following as members:

- a) Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- b) Secretary, Department of National Defense (DND);
- c) Political Adviser, Office of the Political Adviser (OPA);



- d) One (1) Civil Society Representative to be appointed by the President; and
- e) One (1) Representative to be nominated from among, and by the five (5) governors and one (1) city mayor of ARMM.

SECTION 2. Organization of the Screening Committee. The DILG Secretary shall convene the Screening Committee (Committee) immediately upon effectivity of this Executive Order. The DILG Secretary shall preside at the opening session until a Chairman is elected by the Committee.

SECTION 3. The Secretariat. The President's Personnel Group Secretariat (PPGS) of the Presidential Management Staff (PMS) shall be the Secretariat of the Committee. The Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process (OPAPP) and the DILG shall provide assistance to the Secretariat as may be required.

SECTION 4. Tasks and Functions. Pursuant to its mandate, the Screening Committee shall, within **thirty (30) days** from convening but not later than ten (10) days before 30 September 2011, submit to the President, after due consultations with the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, a shortlist of at least three (3) nominees to every vacancy in the elective positions in the ARMM Regional Government.

SECTION 5. Qualifications of Applicant. No person shall be recommended as OIC unless he/she possesses the qualifications required by R.A. No. 6734 and R.A. No. 9054. In the determination of the qualifications of applicant, the Committee shall consider educational preparation, experience, performance, accomplishments, reputation for honesty, integrity, incorruptibility, irreproachable conduct, and fidelity to sound moral and ethical standards.

SECTION 6. Internal Rules. The Committee shall promulgate its own rules and regulations in the screening of applicants to carry out the provisions of this Executive Order and applicable laws.

SECTION 7. Funding. The funding requirements of the Committee shall be provided by the Office of the President.


SECTION 8. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. All orders, rules, regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.




SECTION 10. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 28th day of July, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

A handwritten signature in black ink is written over a circular official seal. The seal contains text around its perimeter, including "OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES".

By the President:



PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

