



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6470

BY REPRESENTATIVES QUIMBO, FERRER (J.M.), ROMUALDEZ (F.M.),
AND TAMBUNTING, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 266

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10366, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION
ON ELECTIONS TO DESIGNATE PRECINCTS ASSIGNED
TO ACCESSIBLE POLLING PLACES EXCLUSIVELY FOR
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 2(j) of Republic Act No. 10366 is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 2. x x x

4 "x x x

5 "(j) *Accessible polling place* refers to the venue
6 where the Board of Election Inspectors (BEIs) conducts
7 election-related proceedings and where the voters cast
8 their votes. The accessible polling place shall be located
9 at the ground floor, preferably near the entrance of the
10 building, **SHALL BE READILY ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC**
11 **TRANSPORTATION, and [is] SHALL BE free of any**
12 **physical barriers and provided with necessary**

1 INFRASTRUCTURE AND services, including assistive
2 devices[.], RAMPS, RAILINGS, SIDEWALKS, ADEQUATE
3 LIGHTING, VENTILATION AND OTHER FEATURES FOR
4 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS.”

5 SEC. 2. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 10366 is hereby
6 amended to read as follows:

7 “SEC. 9. [*Creation of*] *Precincts for Persons with*
8 *Disabilities and Senior Citizens.* – The Commission is
9 hereby authorized to [establish] DESIGNATE precincts
10 [of a nonterritorial nature, exclusively for] IN
11 ACCESSIBLE POLLING PLACES FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE
12 OF persons with disabilities and senior citizens, [who in
13 their registration records manifest their intent to avail
14 of their right to a separate precinct under this section.
15 Pursuant hereto, the Commission shall establish at
16 least one (1) such precinct, assigned to accessible polling
17 places, for every voting center.] SUCH AS IN PUBLIC
18 SCHOOLS, TOWN HALLS OR PLAZAS, CIVIC CENTERS,
19 COMMUNITY CENTERS OR OTHER SIMILARLY
20 DESIGNATED SPECIAL VENUES OR AREAS, AND
21 PREFERABLY THOSE DESIGNED WITH SPECIAL
22 FEATURES, TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY AND COMFORT.
23 Such precincts shall be provided with assistive devices
24 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2(J) OF
25 THIS ACT as well as the services of experts in assisting
26 persons with disabilities.”

1 SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days from its effectivity, the
2 Commission shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the
3 implementation of this Act.

4 SEC. 4. If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
5 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not
6 affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

7 SEC. 5. All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive
8 orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations
9 or parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with any
10 provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified
11 accordingly.

12 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
13 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
14 circulation.

Approved,

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