

SENATE

S. No. 1067

INTRODUCED BY SENATORS ROMULO, ANGARA, FERNAN, MACEDA AND
ROCO

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 27 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8045, ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 27 of Republic Act No. 7166, as amended by
2 Republic Act No. 8045 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 27. *Number of Copies of Election Returns and*
4 *their Distribution.* - The board of election inspectors shall
5 prepare in handwriting the election returns in their respective
6 polling places, in the number of copies herein provided and
7 in the form to be prescribed and provided by the Commission.

8 "The copies of the election returns shall be distributed
9 as follows:

1 "a) In the election of President, Vice President, Senators.
2 and Members of the House of Representatives:

3 "1) The first copy shall be delivered to the city or
4 municipal board of canvassers;

5 "2) The second copy, to the Congress, directed to the
6 President of the Senate;

7 "3) The third copy, to the Commission;

8 "4) The fourth copy, to the dominant majority party as
9 determined by the Commission in accordance with law;

10 "5) The fifth copy, to the dominant minority party as
11 determined by the Commission in accordance with law;

12 "6) The sixth copy, to a citizens' arm authorized by the
13 Commission to conduct an unofficial count: *Provided,*
14 *however,* That the accreditation of the citizens' arm shall
15 be subject to the provisions of Section 52 (k) of Batas
16 Pambansa Blg. 881 [: *Provided, further,* That such citizens'
17 arm previously authorized by the Commission before the
18 effectivity of this Act shall not be qualified for
19 accreditation]; and

20 "7) The seventh copy shall be deposited inside the
21 compartment of the ballot box for valid ballots; and

22 "b) In the election of local officials;

23 "1) The first copy shall be delivered to the city or
24 municipal board of canvassers;

25 "2) The second copy, to the Commission;

1 "3) The third copy, to the provincial board of canvassers;

2 "4) The fourth copy, to the dominant majority party as
3 determined by the Commission in accordance with law;

4 "5) The fifth copy, to the dominant minority party as
5 determined by the Commission in accordance with law;

6 "6) The sixth copy, to a citizens' arm authorized by the
7 Commission to conduct an unofficial count: *Provided,*
8 *however,* That the accreditation of the citizens' arm shall be
9 subject to the provisions of Section 52 (k) of Batas Pambansa
10 Blg. 881 [: *Provided, further,* That such citizens' arm
11 previously authorized by the Commission before the effectivity
12 of this Act shall not be qualified for accreditation]; and

13 "7) The seventh copy shall be deposited inside the
14 compartment of the ballot box for valid ballots."

15 SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders,
16 rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of
17 this Act are hereby repealed.

18 SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect immediately upon
19 its approval.

Approved,