

[ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1668, January 26,  
1980 ]

**PROVIDING A NEW SECTION TO BE INSERTED BETWEEN  
SECTIONS 6 AND 7 TO BE KNOWN AS "SECTION 6-A" OF THE  
1978 ELECTION CODE AND AMENDING SECTION 98 THEREOF  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF  
VOTERS ILLEGALLY REGISTERED SHALL NOT PERVERT THE TRUE  
RESULTS OF THE ELECTION.**

**WHEREAS**, the holding of clean and honest elections depends in large measure on the integrity of the lists of voters;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Elections has reported grave violations of the registration law, to such extent that unless the Commission is empowered to take drastic measures immediately to correct these irregularities, the exercise of suffrage may not serve its purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, large scale irregularities in the registration of voters may not be effectively corrected through exclusion proceedings;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree:

**SECTION 1.** *Postponement or suspension of election.* — A new section to be known as "Section 6-A" shall be inserted between Sections 6 and 7 of the 1978 Election Code and shall read as follows:

**"Sec. 6-A. Postponement or suspension of election.** — Whenever the Commission finds that rampant irregularities have been committed in the preparation of the book of voters through fraud, bribery, forgery, impersonation, intimidation, force or any other similar irregularity resulting in a large increase in the number of registered voters in said voting center which is statistically improbable, and as a consequence thereof, the holding of a free, orderly and honest election shall become impossible in said voting center, the Commission may, after summary verification, order the postponement or suspension of the election in said voting center until such time as it may deem necessary to enable it to make proper recourse to purge spurious or illegally registered voters from the list of voters."

**SEC. 2.** Section 98 of the 1978 Election Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"Sec. 98. Annulment of permanent list of voters.** — Any book of voters not prepared in accordance with the provisions of this Code or the preparation of which has been effected with fraud, bribery, forgery, impersonation, intimidation, force, or any other similar irregularity may, MOTU PROPIO or upon verified petition of any voter or election registrar, or duly registered or ACCREDITED political party, group or aggrupation, be annulled THROUGH SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS, by the Commission."

**SEC. 3. Effectivity.** — This Decree shall take effect immediately.