

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1241, November 15, 1977]

FURTHER AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1187 ENTITLED "PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL REGISTRATION OF ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES."

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1187, as amended, provided for a general registration of all qualified voters throughout the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to further amend certain provisions of said Decree so as to insure a more effective and orderly registration of voters in the country;

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 the further amendment of Presidential Decree No. 1187, as follows:

SECTION 1. *Maximum number of registered voters for every voting Center.*— A new section to be known as Section 11 shall be inserted after Section 10 of Presidential Decree No. 1187 which shall read as follows:

"SEC. 11. *Maximum number of registered voters for every voting center.* — Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding section, the number of registered voters in every voting center shall not exceed three hundred unless otherwise authorized by the Commission on Elections in special cases."

SEC. 2. *Repealing Sections 12 and 20.*— Sections 12 and 20 of the same Presidential Decree are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *Use of the book of voters for the election.*— Section 19 of the same Decree is hereby repealed and substituted with the following:

"SEC. 19. *Use of the book of voters for the election.* —Whenever an election is called, it shall be the duty of the Citizens Election Committee to obtain from the election registrar concerned before the start of voting on election day the book of voters containing the approved applications for registration of voters pertaining to the center where they are assigned together with the other forms and paraphernalia needed for the election: Provided, however, That the Commission on Elections may, for special reasons authorize the delivery of the book of voters, election forms and other paraphernalia at an earlier date to the election committee concerned. Only those voters whose applications are included in the book of voters shall be allowed to vote except as may be ordered by competent court.

"The book of voters shall be returned to the Election Registrar by the Citizens Election Committee on the day following the election, duly arranged in the same manner that it was received."

SEC. 4. Section 18 of the same Decree is hereby amended to read as follows: