

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10367, February 15, 2013]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY BIOMETRICS VOTER REGISTRATION

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to establish a clean, complete, permanent and updated list of voters through the adoption of biometric technology.

SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act:

(a) *Commission* refers to the Commission on Elections (COMELEC).

(b) *Biometrics* refers to the quantitative analysis that provides a positive identification of an individual such as voice, photograph, fingerprint, signature, iris and/or such other identifiable features.

(c) *Data Capture Machine (DCM)* is the device which captures the biometrics of an individual.

(d) *Validation* is the process of taking the biometrics of registered voters whose biometrics have not yet been captured.

(e) *Deactivation* refers to the removal of the registration record of the registered voter from the corresponding precinct book of voters for failure to comply with the validation process as required by this Act.

(f) *Reactivation* refers to the reinstatement of a deactivated voter.

SEC. 3. *Who Shall Submit for Validation.* – Registered voters whose biometrics have not been captured shall submit themselves for validation.

SEC. 4. *Who Shall Conduct the Validation.* – The City or Municipal Election Officer shall conduct the validation.

SEC. 5. *Commencement of Validation.* – The Commission shall conduct validation beginning July 1, 2013, consistent with the continuing registration under Republic Act No. 8189.

SEC. 6. *Publication and Notice Requirement.* – The Commission shall cause the publication of the commencement of the validation in two (2) newspapers of general circulation. The City or Municipal Election Officer shall serve individual written notices by registered mail with return card to the voters concerned at their latest address in the voter's registration record and post the list of the voters concerned in the city or municipal bulletin board and in the local COMELEC office.