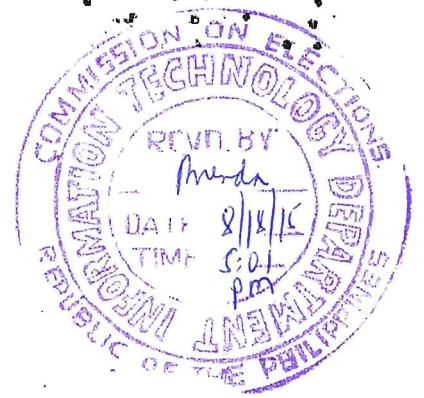




Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Manila



ALLOCATION OF SEATS OF: (1) MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; (2) ELECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN; (3) ELECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD; AND (4) ELECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN; (5) ELECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 09, 2016 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS.

PRESENT:

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| BAUTISTA, J. Andres D. | <i>Chairman</i> |
| LIM, Christian Robert S. | <i>Commissioner</i> |
| PARREÑO, Al A. | <i>Commissioner</i> |
| GUIA, Luie Tito F. | <i>Commissioner</i> |
| LIM, Arthur D. | <i>Commissioner</i> |
| GUANZON, Ma. Rowena
Amelia V. | <i>Commissioner</i> |
| ABAS, Sheriff M. | <i>Commissioner</i> |

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Promulgated: August 18, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 9982

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, the Omnibus Election Code of the Philippines (Batas Pambansa Blg. 881), and other election laws, determines and allocates the number of seats for elective public officials in connection with the May 09, 2016 National and Local Elections;

WHEREAS, at present, the Philippines has two hundred and thirty five (235) legislative districts, eighty one (81) provinces, one hundred and forty

four (144) cities, and one thousand four hundred and ninety (1,490) municipalities;

WHEREAS, the number of Members of the House of Representatives to be elected by districts is based on the number of legislative districts created by law;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 10360 entitled "An Act Creating the Province of Davao Occidental", created the province of Davao Occidental consisting of the municipalities of Sta. Maria, Malita, Don Marcelino, Jose Abad Santos and Sarangani, which creation was ratified in a plebiscite held simultaneously with the October 28, 2013 *Barangay* Elections;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Republic Act 10360 provided that Davao Occidental shall have its own Legislative District comprising the municipalities of Sta. Maria, Malita, Don Marcelino, Jose Abad Santos and Sarangani; while the City of Digos and the municipalities of Malalag, Sulop, Kiblawan, Padada, Hagonoy, Sta. Cruz, Matanao, Bansalan and Magsaysay, shall comprise the Lone Legislative District of the province of Davao del Sur;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 10658 separated the City of Biñan from the First Legislative District of the province of Laguna, and constituted said city as a Lone Legislative District;

WHEREAS, in Minute Resolution No. 15-0216 dated March 17, 2015, Comelec considered the newly created province of Davao Occidental as a first class province following the same Income Classification of its mother province Davao del Sur;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Latest Income Re-Classification of Provinces of the Bureau of Local Government Finance, Department of Finance dated

March 15, 2015, the following provinces have been reclassified while the rest remained in their current income classification, to wit:

Region	Provinces	Income Classification		REMARKS
		From	To	
XI	Davao Occidental	1 st	4 th	Downgraded
CARAGA	Dinagat Island	2 nd	4 th	Downgraded

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10420 converted the municipality of San Pedro, Laguna, into a component city which conversion was ratified in a plebiscite held on December 28, 2013;

WHEREAS, based on Section 4 of Republic Act No. 6636 as amended by Section 2 of Republic Act No. 6637, the number of elective members of the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* shall be based on the classification of their respective provinces, thus:

“Sec. 4. Provinces and other Municipalities. – First and Second class provinces shall each have ten (10) elective members for their respective *Sangguniang Panlalawigan*; third and fourth-class provinces, eight (8); and fifth and sixth class provinces, six (6), to be elected at large by the qualified voters therein.

“All municipalities other than those mentioned in Section 2 of this Act shall have the same number of elective members in their *Sangguniang Bayan* as provided in existing laws.”

WHEREAS, Sec. 3 (a), (b) and (c) of Republic Act No. 7166 provides that:

“Sec. 4. Election of Members of the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan*, *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and *Sangguniang Bayan*. – The elective members of the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan*, *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and *Sangguniang Bayan* shall be elected as follows:

- (a) For provinces with two (2) or more legislative districts, the elective members of the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* shall be elected by districts. For this purpose, the number of seats shall be apportioned equitably: Provided, That, if equal division is not possible, the remaining member or members shall be elected in the district or districts with the greater number of



population, or if they be the same, with the greater number of voters. Provided, further, That, if a legislative district include a city that does not vote in the election of provincial officials, the Commission on Elections, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, shall allocate the number of seats among the districts in proportion to the population of the constituencies voting for the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan*;

- (b) For provinces with only one (1) legislative district, the Commission shall divide them into two (2) districts for purposes of electing the members of the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan*, as nearly as practicable according to the number of inhabitants, each district comprising a compact, contiguous and adjacent territory, and the number of seats of elective members of their respective *sanggunian* shall be equitably apportioned between the districts in accordance with the immediately preceding paragraph;
- (c) The number and election of elective members of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and *Sangguniang Bayan* in the Metro Manila Area, City of Cebu, City of Davao and any other city with two (2) or more legislative districts shall continue to be governed by the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of Republic Act No. 6636: Provided, That, the Municipalities of Malabon, Navotas, San Juan, Mandaluyong, Muntinlupa, Las Piñas and Taguig shall have twelve (12) councilors, and Pateros, ten (10): Provided, further, That, the Commission shall divide each of the municipalities in Metro Manila Area into two (2) districts by barangay for purposes of representation in the *Sangguniang Bayan* as nearly as practicable according to the number of inhabitants, each comprising a compact, contiguous and adjacent territory;

WHEREAS, Sections 2 and 3 of Republic Act No. 6636 mandates that:

“Sec. 2. Metro Manila Area. – For purposes of the Local Elections on January 18, 1988, the City of Manila, Quezon City, and the City of Caloocan shall have six (6) councilors for each of their representative districts who shall be residents thereof to be elected by the qualified voters therein. The City of Pasay and the Municipalities of Makati, Parañaque, Pasig, Marikina, and Valenzuela, each of which comprises a representative district, shall have twelve (12) councilors each to be elected at large by the qualified voters of the said city or municipality. All the other municipalities within the Metropolitan Manila area shall have ten (10) councilors each, with the exception of the Municipality of Pateros which shall have eight (8) councilors to be elected at large by their respective qualified voters.

Sec. 3. Other Cities. - The provision of any law to the contrary notwithstanding, the City of Cebu, City of Davao, and any other city with more than one representative district shall have eight (8) councilors for each district who

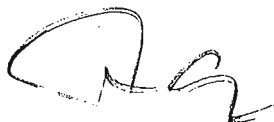
shall be residents thereof to be elected by the qualified voters therein, provided that the Cities of Cagayan de Oro, Zamboanga, Bacolod, Iloilo and other cities comprising a representative district shall have twelve (12) councilors each and all cities shall have ten (10) councilors to be elected at large by the qualified voters of the said cities: Provided, That in no case shall the present number of councilors according to their charters be reduced."

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission **RESOLVED,** as it hereby **RESOLVES,** to fix the number and allocation of seats as shown in ANNEXES "A" to "E" hereof, which shall form as an integral part of this resolution, to wit:

1. ANNEX A – Members, House of Representatives
2. ANNEX B – Members, *Sangguniang Panlalawigan*
3. ANNEX C – Members, *Sangguniang Panlungsod*
4. ANNEX D – Members, *Sangguniang Bayan*
5. ANNEX E – Members, ARMM Regional Legislative Assembly

Let the Education and Information Department cause the publication of this Resolution in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines and furnish copies thereof to the Regional Directors, Provincial Election Supervisors and Election Officers concerned.


SO ORDERED.



J. ANDRES D. BAUTISTA
Chairman



CHRISTIAN ROBERT S. LIM
Commissioner



LUE TITO F. GUIA
Commissioner



MA. ROWENA AMELIA V. GUANZON
Commissioner



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ARTHUR D. LIM
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