

Intramuros, Manila

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUIDELINES IN THE CLUSTERING OF ESTABLISHED PRECINCTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OCTOBER 30, 2023 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS (2023 BSKE).

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Promulgated:

February 8, 2023 m

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the final Project of Precincts (POPs) shall be prepared and submitted by the Office of the Election Officer (OEO) of each district/city/municipality after the last Election Registration Board (ERB) hearing set by the Commission for the 2023 BSKE. The POP shall contain the total number of barangays, established precincts, clustered precincts, voting centers and voters, to be known collectively under this Resolution as "electoral data". Such data shall be necessary for the printing and/or allocation of official ballots, election returns, other election forms, supplies, and paraphernalia and ballot boxes. It shall also be the basis in determining the number of Members of Electoral Boards (EBs), Department of Education Supervisor Officials (DESOs), their respective Support Staff, and Members of Barangay/District/City/Municipal/Provincial/Regional Board of Canvassers (BOCs) to be constituted and appointed; and

WHEREAS, circumstances, such as, the inadequacy or non-availability of public schools or buildings, which can be used as voting centers, and the unstable peace and order situation in critical areas identified by the Philippine National Police/Armed Forces of the Philippines (PNP/AFP), in addition to the lack of qualified individuals who may serve as members of the EBs, are reasonable grounds, which warrant the clustering of all established precincts nationwide to ensure the successful, credible, peaceful, cost-efficient and safe conduct of the 2023 BSKE.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the virtue of the powers vested upon it by the 1987 Philippine Constitution, Batas Pambansa Bilang 8811, Republic Act Nos. 81892, 66463, 84364, and other election laws, the Commission En Banc RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES, to promulgate the following guidelines in the clustering of established precincts in connection with the October 30, 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (2023 BSKE):

¹ OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, ADOPTING A SYSTEM OF CONTINUING REGISTRATION, PRESCRIBING THE PROCEDURES THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

AN ACT INTRODUCING ADDITIONAL REFORMS IN THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO USE AN AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM IN THE MAY 11, 1998 NATIONAL OR LOCAL ELECTIONS AND IN SUBSEQUENT NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTORAL EXERCISES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

ARTICLE I

INTRODUCTION

SECTION 1. ORIGINAL AND SPIN-OFF ESTABLISHED PRECINCTS. – Original or mother established precinct refers to the basic unit of territory established by the Commission for the purpose of voting⁵.

Spin-off or daughter established precinct refers to established precinct created to accommodate additional voters residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the original or mother established precincts⁶.

SECTION 2. PROJECT OF PRECINCTS (POPs). - For the 2023 BSKE, the OEOs are required to prepare three (3) POPs, a POP for the Barangay Election (Annex A), a POP for the SK Election (Annex B) and Merged POP (Annex C).

Barangay POP is composed of voters who are 18 years old and above while SK POP is composed of voters who are 15 to 30 years old. Merged POP refers to the Barangay and SK POPs combined together to form one (1) POP.

SECTION 3. POP TO BE SUBMITTED TO EBAD. - For purposes of verification, only **Merged POPs** shall be submitted to the EBAD. The separate Barangay and SK POPs shall be used as guides by the OEOs in preparing the Merged POP.

ARTICLE II

CLUSTERING OF ESTABLISHED PRECINCTS

SECTION 1. GUIDELINES IN THE CLUSTERING OF ESTABLISHED PRECINCTS. - In the clustering of established precincts for the 2023 BSKE, the following shall be observed:

- a. Only established precincts (original/mother and/or spin-off/daughter) belonging to the same barangay and located in the same voting center shall be clustered together;
- b. The original/mother established precinct and its spin-off/daughter established precinct shall, as far as practicable, be clustered together;
- c. The territories of the mother/original established precincts to be clustered together shall, as far as practicable, be contiguous and compact;
- d. Each clustered precinct in the Barangay POP as well as in the SK POP shall have unlimited number of established precincts but not more than four hundred (400) voters;
- e. Each clustered precinct in the Merged POP (Barangay and SK) shall have unlimited number of established precincts but not more than eight hundred (800) voters;
- f. Each established precinct must strictly follow the provision of Section 6, Rep. Act No. 8189, which partly states that. "Every barangay shall have at least one (1) precinct. Each precinct, shall have no more than two hundred (200) voters and shall comprise contiguous and compact territories.

⁵ Section 3 (j), Rep. Act No. 8189 (The Voter's Registration Act of 1996)

⁶ Section 5, Rep. Act No. 8189

⁷ Chapter II, Section 4, Republic Act No. 10742

- a) A precinct shall be allowed to have less than 200 registered voters under the following conditions:
 - 1) As soon as the 200-limit for every precinct has been reached, a spin-off or daughter precinct shall be created automatically by the Commission to accommodate voters residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the original precinct. Thereafter, a separate list of new voters shall be prepared by the Election Officer; and
 - 2) An island or group of islands with less than two hundred (200) voters may comprise one (1) original precinct."
- g. Each precinct in a cluster shall retain its individual precinct number, Election Day Computerized Voter's List (EDCVL), Precinct Computerized Voter's List (PCVL) and Book of Voters;
- h. Clustering of established precincts shall, as far practicable, **be uniform or evenly done**, to ensure that the voters shall be fairly distributed among the clustered precincts, resulting to equitable load among the Electoral Boards (EBs); and
- i. The foregoing guidelines shall be without prejudice to the clustering of established precincts assigned in Accessible Polling Places (APPs) and IP precincts assigned in Separate Polling Places (SPPs) and Accessible Voting Centers (AVCs) to be adopted by the Vulnerable Sectors Office (VSO). In the absence, however, of such separate guidelines, the herein rules shall be applied.

SECTION 2. ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE CLUSTERING OF SK ESTABLISHED PRECINCTS. – The following shall serve as additional guidelines for the clustering of SK established precincts:

a. SK established precincts comprising 18-30 year old registered voters who were extracted from the list of registered voters of the regular precincts for the Barangay Election shall be clustered or grouped with the latter as counterpart precincts.

The counterpart clustering is necessary to ensure that the extracted SK voters shall cast their ballots for both the Barangay and SK Elections only in one (1) polling place, thus preventing confusion and inconvenience on the part of the voters in going to another polling place to vote for the Barangay or SK Election, as the case may be.

For guidance, please refer to the example below:

Established Precinct and No. of Voters in Barangay POP (A)	Clustered Precinct with No. of Voters in Barangay POP	Counterpart Established Precinct in the SK POP Comprise of Extracted 18 to 30 Year Old Voters from the Barangay POP (C)	Counterpart Clustered Precinct in the SK POP with No. of Extracted Voters (D)	Clustered Precinct in the Merged POP (Barangay and SK) with No. of Voters (E)	
0001A with 200 voters	400 voters	100 voters – SK1A	220 voters	620 voters (400 -	
0001B with 100 voters	(0001A - 200 + 0001B - 100 + 0001C- 100)	50 voters – SK1B	(SK1A - 100 + SK1B - 50 + SK1C - 70)	POP Clustered Precinct +	

0001C with		220 - SK
100 voters	70 voters –	POP)
	SK1C	

b. All new voters, 15-17 years of age, who are residing within the territory of the Barangay original/mother established precinct may be included in the counterpart SK precinct as long as the maximum number of 200 voter limit per established precinct as mentioned in Article II, Section 1 (f) is observed.

For reference, please see the table below:

Established Precinct and No. of Voters in Barangay POP	Clustered Precinct with No. of Voters in Barangay POP	No. of Extracted 18 to 30 Year Old Voters from the Barangay POP	No. of new SK voters between 15 to 17 Years Old	Counterpart Established Precinct with No. of Voters in SK POP	Clustered Precinct in the SK POP with No. of Voters	Clustered Precinct in the Merged POP (Barangay and SK Elections with No. of Voters	
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	
0001A with 200 voters	400 voters (0001A - 200 + 0001B - 100 + 0001C- 100)	100	50	SK1A - 150 SK voters (100 extracted + 50 new SK voters)	395 SK voters	795 voters	
0001B with 100 voters		50	75	SK1B - 125 SK voters (50 extracted + 75 new SK voters)	(SK1A- 150 + SK1B - 125 voters + and SK1C - 120 voters)	(400 - Barangay POP Clustered Precinct 395 - Sk POP)	
0001C with 100 voters		70	50	SK1C - 120 SK voters (70 extracted + 50 new SK voters)			

c. New SK spin-off/daughter precincts may be created when there are more 15 - 17 year old registered voters who can no longer be accommodated in the counterpart SK precinct.

SECTION 3. PRECINCT ASSIGNMENT OF REACTIVATED VOTERS. – All voters whose registration records have been reactivated may be assigned in daughter/spin off precincts, if the original/mother precinct is already maximized (reached the 200 limit rule).

SECTION 4. AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS - The Commission on Elections shall have the authority to order the adjustment on the maximum number of registered voters per clustered precinct abovementioned, as it may deem necessary based on reasonable grounds present.

SECTION 5. ONSITE POP VERIFICATION. – Onsite POP Verification Teams composed of personnel form the EBAD and the ITD shall be deployed by the Commission to the Offices of the Provincial Election Supervisors (OPESs) to conduct verification of the POPs for the 2023 BSKE.

The Onsite POP Verification shall be conducted from March 15, 2023 - March 31, 2023.

SECTION 6. PURPOSE OF POP VERIFICATION. - POP verification is necessary in order to ensure:

- a. The preparation of accurate, updated, complete and final POPs nationwide;
- b. The deployment of sufficient number of ballot boxes, election forms, supplies and paraphernalia;
- c. The safe, honest and orderly conduct of elections by providing correct clustering of precincts in all voting centers;
- d. That all voters are accounted for and that all voting centers are correct and accurate to prevent voters' disenfranchisement on election day; and
- e. Compliance with the clustering scheme herein provided and the 200-limit-voterper-established-precinct rule.

SECTION 7. DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION OF POPS BY THE OEOS. – All OEOs shall prepare and submit the final POPs (including amended/corrected POPs) to the EBAD personnel assigned to conduct Onsite Verification of POPs at the OPES **on or before March 14, 2023.**

The corresponding Voter's Databases shall be submitted to the ITD counterpart personnel assigned to accompany the Onsite Verification Team.

SECTION 8. DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION OF POPS TO THE COMMISSION EN BANC.

- The EBAD shall consolidate all POPs and submit the Regional and Provincial Summaries, reflecting the nationwide final electoral data (comprising total numbers of barangays, established precincts, clustered precincts, voters and voting centers) for the 2023 BSKE to the Commission En Banc on or before April 14, 2023 for its consideration.

ARTICLE III

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTION OFFICERS, PROVINCIAL ELECTION SUPERVISORS AND REGIONAL ELECTION DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ELECTION OFFICERS. – The EOs are mandated to conduct the initial verification of their POPs and Voter's Databases before submitting the same to the EBAD and ITD, respectively, during the Onsite Verification of POPs.

SECTION 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REGIONAL ELECTION DIRECTORS (REDs) AND PROVINCIAL ELECTION SUPERVISORS (PESs). – All REDs and PESs shall have the responsibility to closely monitor and supervise their respective EOs to ensure their strict observance to the provisions of this Resolution.

ARTICLE IV

PUBLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

SECTION 11. PUBLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION. - This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Commission *En Banc*. The Education and Information Department (EID) is hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Resolution. The ITD shall cause the posting of this Resolution in the official website of the Commission.

Let the Office of the Executive Director, Office of the Deputy Executive Director for Operations, Election and Barangay Affairs Department, Information and Technology Department, Finance Services Department, Education and Information Department, Offices of Regional Election Director, Offices of Provincial Election Supervisor and Offices of Election Officers implement this Resolution.

SO ORDERED.

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Chairman

SOCORRO B. INTING

Commissioner

MARLON S. CASQUEJO

Commissioner

AIMEE P. FEROLINO

Commissioner

REY E. BULAY

Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

APPROVED by the Commission *En Banc* on **February 8, 2023** pursuant to COMELEC RESOLUTION NO. 10761 titled: "Supplemental Resolution to COMELEC Resolution No. 9936 Promulgated March 25, 2015 entitled, "Rule on the Enactment and Promulgation of Executive or Administrative Resolutions" providing for other format of meetings to include online meetings applicable in times of the COVID-19 pandemic and the imposition of Community Quarantines and similar emergency situations".

ATTY. CONSUELO B. DIOLA

Director IV

Office of the COMELEC Secretary



PROVINCE: MISAMIS ORIENTAL
CITY / MUNICIPALITY: GINGOOG CITY

PROJECT OF PRECINCT

DECEMBER 5, 2022 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS

BARANGAY	NAME AND ADDRESS OF VOTING CENTER	ESTABLISHED PRECINCT NUMBER	TOTAL NO. OF REGISTERED VOTERS	GROUP NUMBER	GROUPED PRECINCT	TOTAL NO.OF REG VOTERS AFTER CLUSTERING/ GROUPING
BARANGAY 1 (POE	3.)					
	JGOD CENTRAL SCHOOL, ST., GINGOOG CITY	0001A	168	1	0001A, 0001B	236
		0001B	68			
	SUBTOTAL	2	236	1		236
BARANGAY 2 (PO	B.)					
	TY COMPREHENSIVE HIGH RCADO AVENUE, GINGOOG CITY	0002A	179	2	0002A, 0003A	313
		0003A	134			
	SUBTOTAL	2	313	1		313
BARANGAY 3 (POI	B.)					
MANUEL LUGOD CENTRAL SCHOOL, GUANZON ST., GINGOOG CITY		0004A	192	3	0004A	192
	SUBTOTAL	ĺ	192	1		192
BARANGAY 4 (PO	B.)					
RESTITUTO BAOL CENTRAL SCHOOL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, GINGOOG CITY		0005A	195	4	0005A, 0005B	298
		0005B	103			
	SUBTOTAL	2	298	1		298
BARANGAY 5 (PO	B.)					
	O BAOL CENTRAL SCHOOL, HIGHWAY, GINGOOG CITY	0006A	191	5	0006A, 0006B	271
		0006B	80			
	SUBTOTAL	2	271	1		271
BARANGAY 6 (PO	B.)					
MANUEL LUGOD CENTRAL SCHOOL, GUANZON ST., GINGOOG CITY		0007A	179	6	0007A, 0008A	318
		0008A	139			
	SUBTOTAL	2	318	1		318

BARANGAY 7 (POB.)

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PROJECT OF PRECINCTS

DECEMBER 5, 2022 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS

BARANGAY	NAME AND ADDRESS OF POLLING PLACE	ESTABLISHED PRECINCT NUMBER	TOTAL NO. OF REGISTERED VOTERS	CLUSTER/ GROUP NUMBER	CLUSTERED/ GROUPED PRECINCT	TOTAL NO.OF REG VOTERS AFTER CLUSTERING/ GROUPING		
BARANGAY 1 (PC	DB.)					** ***		
	UGOD CENTRAL SCHOOL, I ST., GINGOOG CITY	SK1A	39	1	SK1A,SK1B	81		
90,1120,1		SK1B	42					
	SUBTOTAL	2	81	1		81		
BARANGAY 2 (PC	DB.)							
	CITY COMPREHENSIVE OOL, MERCADO AVENUE, CITY	SK2A	60	2	SK2A,SK3A	98		
		SK3A	38					
	SUBTOTAL	2	98	1		98		
BARANGAY 3 (PC	DB.)							
	LUGOD CENTRAL SCHOOL, IST., GINGOOG CITY	SK4A	65	3	SK4A	65		
	SUBTOTAL	1	65	1		65		
BARANGAY 4 (PC	DB.) LUGOD CENTRAL SCHOOL,	SK5A	48	4	SK5A,SK5B	107		
GUANZON	ST., GINGOOG CITY	SK5B	59					
	SUBTOTAL	2	107	1		107		
BARANGAY 5 (PC	DB.)							
	TO BAOL CENTRAL SCHOOL, L HIGHWAY, GINGOOG CITY	SK6A	62	5	SK6A,SK6B	98		
		SK6B	36					
	SUBTOTAL	2	98	1		98		
BARANGAY 6 (PC	OB.)							
MANUEL LUGOD CENTRAL SCHOOL, GUANZON ST., GINGOOG CITY		SK7A	53	6	SK7A,SK8A	97		
		SK8A	44					
	SUBTOTAL	2	97	_1		97		
BARANGAY 7 (PC	OB.)							
	LUGOD CENTRAL SCHOOL, N ST., GINGOOG CITY	SK9A	69	7	SK9A,SK10A	99		
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ANNEX "C"

PROJECT OF PRECINCTS

DECEMBER 5, 2022 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS

Province : MISAMIS ORIENTAL City/Municipality : GINGOOG CITY

		BARANGAY LEVEL					SK LEVEL					Total No. of Registered
Barangay	Name and Address of Polling Place	Established Precinct Number	Total Number of Registered Voters	Cluster/ Group Number	Clustered/ Grouped Precionats	Total No. of Registered Voters After Clustering/ Grouping	SK Precinct Number	No. of Reg. Voters	Cluster/ Group Number	Clustered/ Group Precinct	Total No. of Reg Voters after Clustering/ Grouping	Voters for both Barangay and SK per Clustered Precinct
BARANGAY 1 (POB.)												
MANUEL LUGOD (GUANZON ST., GII	CENTRAL SCHOOL,	O001A	168	1	0001A, 0001B	236	SK1A	39	1	SK1A,SK1B	81	317
		O001B	68				SK1B	42				
	SUBTOTAL	2	236	-1		236	2	81	1		81	317
BARANGAY 2 (POB.)												
GINGOOG CITY CO HIGH SCHOOL, ME GINGOOG CITY		O002A	179	2	0002A, 0003A	313	SK2A	60	2	SK2A,SK3A	98	41
0.110000 0.11		0003A	134				SK3A	38				
	SUBTOTAL	2	313	-1		313	2	98	1		98	411
BARANGAY 3 (POB.)												
MANUEL LUGOD (GUANZON ST., GI	CENTRAL SCHOOL, NGOOG CITY	0004A	192	3	0004A	192	SK4A	65	3	SK4A	65	25
	SUBTOTAL	1	192	1		192	1_	65	1		65	257
BARANGAY 4 (POB.)												
	CENTRAL SCHOOL, AY, GINGOOG CITY	0005A	195	4	0005A, 0005B	298	SK5A	48	4	SK5A,SK5B	107	40
		O005B	103				SK5B	59				
	SUBTOTAL	2	298	1		298	2	107	1		107	40

BARANGAY 5 (POB.)

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