

An Act Providing For Permanent Registration Of Voters

FIFTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES) S. No. 275
Second Session)
(Republic Act No. 3588)

An act to provide for permanent registration of voters and for this purpose to postpone the general renewal of registration of voters which is set for nineteen hundred sixty-three.

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

Section 1. *Permanent list of voters.* - There shall be a permanent list of voters in each city, municipality and municipal district.

Sec. 2. *Who may be registered in the Permanent List of Voters.* - All persons possessing all the qualifications prescribed for a voter and none of the disqualifications, have the right and duty to be registered in the permanent list of voters of the city, municipality or municipal district wherein they are domiciled and to be included in the precinct book of voters of their corresponding precinct.

Any person who may not have on the date of his registration the period of domicile required may also be registered upon proof that on the date of the election he shall have such qualifications.

Sec. 3. *Election Registrar.* - There shall be in each city, municipality and municipal district at least one election registrar and a clerk appointed by the Commission on Elections. The salaries for the positions of election registrar and a clerk in the city, municipality and municipal district shall be at such rate as may be determined by the position classification to be made by the Commission on Elections. *Provided however,* That in any city, municipality and municipal district having four thousand registered voters or less, the Commission on Elections may at its discretion appoint an election registrar, attach it to another political subdivision for purposes of registration, or appoint the city, municipal or municipal district treasurer as election registrar with additional compensation to be fixed by the Commission on Elections but not to exceed fifty per cent of his salary as treasurer.

The city, municipal or municipal district council, as the case may be, shall provide a place for the office of the registrar.

Sec. 4. *Qualification of Election Registrar.* - Except in the case mentioned in the proviso of Section three hereof, only members of the Philippine Bar may qualify for appointment as election registrar: *Provided,* That if there are no lawyers available for appointment, graduates of duly recognized schools of law, liberal arts and education who are civil service eligibles may be appointed.

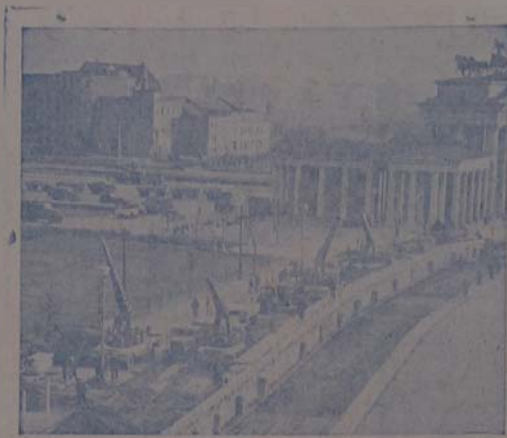
Sec. 5. *Registration of Voters.* - On any date, within sixty days after having acquired the qualifications of a voter, but not later than sixty days before the day of any regular election and not later than thirty days before the day of any special election, a qualified voter shall personally appear before the election registrar of his city, municipality or municipal district wherein he is domiciled and file with him a sworn application for registration in triplicate.

To facilitate filing of applications for registration, the election registrar may hold office in any district, barrio or sitio within his jurisdiction, without any traveling allowance, subject to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission on Elections. Any person who fails to register within sixty days after having acquired the qualifications of a voter or is registered after said period shall not be qualified to vote in the election immediately following his registration. For purposes of the nineteen hundred sixty-five elections, however, any person who is a qualified voter may register any time before the sixty-day period preceding the date of said elections. (As amended by R. A. No. 4074)

Sec. 6. *Application for registration.* - The sworn application for registration shall contain the specimen of the applicant's signature and his passport or identification photograph, which shall be at the expense of the government if the applicant should so request, and shall state the following:

- (a) name, surname and middle and/or maternal surname;
- (b) place of birth;
- (c) age on his last birthday;
- (d) Philippine citizenship;
- (e) civil status, if married, the name of the spouse;
- (f) profession, occupation or work;
- (g) exact address with the name of the street, the house number or in case there be none, a brief description of the locality and place;
- (h) that he possesses the qualifications required of an elector;
- (i) that he is not disqualified to vote;
- (j) that he is not registered in any other precinct; otherwise, he shall state the precinct number and the city, municipality or municipal district in which he previously registered, and attach thereto his sworn application for the cancellation of such previous registration;
- (k) the prints of all his ten fingers;
- (l) space shall be provided upon the face of the application for the notation of the voting record of the person registered thereon;
- (m) such other information or data which the Com-

Red "Wall of Shame" is Three Years Old



THIRD ANNIVERSARY—The third anniversary of the Berlin dividing wall was observed in August. This view shows East German workers, under the watchful eye of Communist soldiers, building up a section of the wall near the Brandenburg Gate. The Soviet Zone regime hastily erected the concrete-and-barbed wire barrier along the 25-mile (40 kilometer) barrier on August 13, 1961, to stop the flow of East German seeking freedom in West Berlin. The border interference was in violation of post-war agreements. Later, additional wire, cement and steel barricades were raised, trenches were dug and machine gun fields-of-fire were cleared. A few refugees still manage to get through, although many escape attempts have ended in death.

Berlin—On August 13, quadruple rows of two-meter high concrete posts strung with barbed wire. Behind the barricade are earthen breast-works and a continuous line of trenches. The area is mined and the trenches are manned by guards armed with rifles and machine guns. Observation towers have been placed at strategic points, adding to the concentration camp atmosphere.

Despite these obstacles, however, the Communists have been unable to completely close their border with West Berlin. Almost 10,000 East Berliners have managed to escape since the wall was built.

Some have tunneled under the wall. Other have swum the canal and river double a and sometimes sections of the barrier. Still mission on Elections may require.

Sec. 7. *Approval or disapproval of application and petition for inclusions.*—Upon receipt of the sworn application for registration, the election registrar shall set it for hearing, notice of which shall be posted in the municipal building for at least three days before the hearing. On the date of the hearing, the election registrar shall receive whatever evidence that may be submitted for or against the application. The election registrar shall decide within ten days from filing, all applications submitted to him and issue the corresponding identification card to the registered voters.

If the election registrar disapproves the application the applicant shall be furnished with a certificate of disapproval wherein the ground for the disapproval shall be stated. The applicant may within fifteen days from the receipt of the certification of disapproval file with the Justice of the Peace Court or the Court of First Instance of the province a petition for his inclusion, which shall be decided within fifteen days after filing. If the decision is for the inclusion of a voter in the permanent list of voters, the election registrar shall activate the application for registration which has been previously denied, by placing said application in the corresponding precinct book of voters wherein the order of inclusion by the court shall be entered and shall mail or deliver to the voter his identification card. If the decision is adverse, the right of appeal is heretofore granted by existing laws shall be available.

Sec. 8. *Challenge of right to register.*—Any elector or representative of any political party of the city, municipality or municipal district may appear before the election registrar to oppose or challenge any application for registration stating the ground therefor. The challenge shall be under oath and shall be attached by the election registrar to the application together with proof of notice to the challenger and the voter of the date set for hearing.

Sec. 9. *Publication of application for registration.*—Within two days from approval or disapproval of any application for registration, the election registrar shall post a notice in the municipal building giving

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others have escaped by jumping off buildings bordering the wall or by crushing cars, trucks and a railroad train into West Berlin. Some have not been so fortunate.

At least 65 persons have been shot and killed by the Communist police. No one knows how many perished in the sewers of East Berlin after the Communists began flooding this escape route.

Many of the refugees have been young, since East Germans in the 18 to 25 age group have been in the forefront of opposition to the regime, along with a number of leading educators.

Professor Robert Havemann, of East Berlin's Humboldt University, was attacked in February, 1964 by a high-level Communist official for being a lesser Socrates who leads our youth astray. The official admitted, however, that Dr. Havemann had a "great following" among students.

Mayor Willy Brandt called upon the population to stay at home between 8 P.M. and 9 P.M. on August 13 for an "hour of silence" designed to tell "all who are looking at this city that the wall remains an injustice." Mayor Brandt's appeal was supported by West Berlin's political parties, labor unions and press. Wreaths were laid at the memorials erected for the victims of the wall and religious services were held in several churches.

Republic of the Philippines
COURT OF FIRST
INSTANCE OF
CAMARINES SUR
10th Judicial District

IN THE MATTER OF THE
INTESTATE ESTATE OF
THE LATE QUIEN CHO

ROGELIO QUIEN,
Petitioner.

SPEC. PROCS. NO. 995
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NOTICE OF HEARING

A verified petition having been filed with this Court by ROGELIO QUIEN, represented by Atty. Guillermo R. Luntok, praying among others, that he be appointed administrator of the estate left by the decedent QUIEN CHO who, as alleged in the petition died intestate on August 4, 1964 in the City of Naga, his residence at the time of his death, leaving both real and personal properties with an approximate value of from EIGHTY THOUSAND PESOS (P80,000.00) to ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00);

WHEREFORE, notice is hereby given that said petition will be heard on September 17, 1964 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., in the session hall of Branch 1 of this Court at Naga City, on which date, time and place, all persons having opposition thereto may appear to show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted.

Let this notice of hearing be published at petitioner's expense once a week for three consecutive weeks in the "THE BICOL STAR", a weekly newspaper edited in the City of Naga and of general circulation in this province, for the information of all concerned.

Naga City, Philippines,
August 21, 1964.

MAURO B. FAJARDO
Actg. Clerk of Court

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