

FROM THE FRONT

Deadline of COC filing...

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party-list will have to file their COCs at the Comelec main office in Intramuros, Manila.
Candidates for congressmen down to councilors will have to lodge their COCs in their respective localities.
For next year's polls, up for grab is a total of 17,888 positions, excluding the party-list seats.
The figure includes one each for president and vice president, 12 senators, 222 for House of Representatives, 80 each for governor and vice governor, 762 for provincial board member, 120 each for city mayor and vice mayor, 1,514 each for municipal mayor and vice mayor, and 12,116 municipal councilors. ■

Comelec: It's final, voter...

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on Dec. 2, 2008.
"There were quite a number of days when there were virtually no registrants. Then in the last 3-5 days, the people flooded the local offices to beat the deadline," he said.
Melo noted that the biometric registration slowed down the queues, especially in the last week of the registration.
"The process was a little prolonged. Unlike in the past, now your fingerprints have to be taken, your signature, picture. It's longer," Melo said.
Filing of candidacies extended
To avoid the confusion that accompanied the final days of registration, the Comelec has decided to extend the period for the filing of certificates of candidacy (COCs) to Dec. 1 instead of the original deadline of Nov. 30.
Melo said the Comelec would work on weekends and holidays during the filing period.
"From Nov. 20, we will be open for the filing of COCs regardless of whether it's a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday," he said.
"On Dec. 1, the filing will be up to midnight," he added.
The Comelec declined to give the latest number of registrants, saying field officials were still collating data. The last official data on registrants issued in July showed that there were about 3 million new registrants.

An estimated 45 million voters are expected to vote next year.
Election Commissioner Nicodemus Ferrer said that more voters applied for registration this year than in the past.
Ballot box design finalized
The Comelec also said that it had finalized the design of the ballot box to be used in the elections following intense discussions.
The Comelec Advisory Council (CAC) and the Project Management Office (PMO) last Nov. 3 agreed to follow the council's suggestion that the Precinct Count Optical Scan (PCOS) machines reject spurious or fake ballots.
The PMO earlier approved the proposal to have the machines accept the fake ballots and drop them in a separate compartment. ■

NP still considering...

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Sen. Escudero ready chosen his running mate.
"We already made a choice but I'm not ready to say who," he said.
He said the party was still ironing out the kinks in the negotiations but it was already a done deal. ■

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spouse's death, it also covers all family-based petitions, "including petitions for unmarried children of US citizens under 21, family-preference categories who have approved or pending petitions which include the spouse and unmarried children of permanent residents, unmarried children over the age of 21 of US citizens, married children of US citizens, siblings of US citizens and the derivative children of this group," says Atty. Reeves and Atty. Joseph Elias in their regular column article in the *Asian Journal* (see Community Journal section, p.C1 for more information.)
"Derivative beneficiaries of pending or approved employment-based immigrant visa petitions are also covered by the new law which include the spouse and unmarried children under age 21 of an individual who was sponsored under the employment-based category," the article also stated.

According to Reeves, before the new law was approved, if the petitioner dies before the petition is approved or permanent resident status is granted, the spouse or child would be unable to obtain permanent resident status.
However, the new law does not apply to surviving family members residing outside of the US, added Reeves.
"Unfortunately, if they are not living in the United States right now they would have to file the traditional humanitarian reinstatement which is very difficult," added Reeves. "The immigration

services grants only a very few of them."
The root of the law began in 1970 when the court ruled that a husband's death stripped the wife of her position as spouse, meaning she no longer qualified for a green card. A 1990 law then narrowed that ruling's scope, saying a widow married to a US citizen for at least two years can file a petition for a residency permit on her own behalf, according to the *Associated Press*.
The new law was championed by Rep. Jim McGovern and Sen. Bill Nelson. ■

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