# Filipino-Style <br> Party-List System 

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## Legal Bases

## 1987 Constitution

R.A. 7941 Party-List System Act

Comelec Resolutions

Case Law

## German and Philippine Systems

| Features | German <br> System | Philippine <br> System |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Parties | Any Party | Marginalized |
| Number | $50 \%$ of <br> Parliament | 20\% of House of <br> Representatives |
| Formula | True Proportion | 3-Seat Cap |

## Objective/ Rationale

## Multi-Partism

Party Loyalty

Social Justice
Party Accountability

## Legislative Body



## Not in Senate and Local Legislative Councils

## Types of Representatives

| Features | District <br> Representatives | Party-List <br> Representatives |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Candidate | Natural Person | Party or Organization |
| Personalities | Directly, Personalities | Indirectly, Personalities |
| Portion of <br> House | $80 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Formula | Plurality | Proportional <br> Representation |
| Nominee <br> Qualifications | Natural-Born; 25 yo; <br> Literate; 1 year residency; <br> Registered in District | Same; except 25-30 if <br> youth; registered <br> anywhere |

## Number of Party-List Seats

- $20 \%$ of House of Representatives
- All seats are "reserved" and must be filled up
- Formula: \# of DRs/ $0.8 \times 0.2$
- So in 2016:

$$
235 / 0.8 \times 0.2=58.75 \text { (58 or } 59
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seats)

## Qualified Participants

| National Parties/ Organizations | - need not be sectoral <br> - geographical presence/ track record |
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| Regional Parties/ Organizations | - need not be sectoral <br> - geographical presence/ track record |
| Sectoral Parties/ Organizations | - principal advocacy <br> - no need to show track record <br> - represents 12 marginalized sectors <br> - list of 12 not exclusive |
| Political Parties | - Register under system <br> - Not field district representatives <br> - If field district representatives, wnthrough sectoral wing |

## Registration Requirements



## Nominees

1. Membership: Belong to accredited party or organization and
a) Must belong to the sector (organic) or
b) Must have track record of sectoral advocacy (synthetic)
2. Nominees must consent in writing
3. Possess qualifications under the Constitution
4. Qualifications/ fitness determined by Party
(internal matter unless nominee disqualified)
5. Submit List of 5 Nominees

## Nominees

6. Continuing requirement from appointment and during entire tenure (qualifications, party membership)
7. Nominated only in 1 Party
8. Not losing candidate in 2013 elections (any position)
9. List in order of priority cannot be altered except when nominee:
a) Dies
b) Withdraws (party cannot unilaterally withdraw)
c) Incapacitated, then substituted by next in list

## Procedure

| Delisting/ Cancellation |
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## Delisting/ Cancellation

1. Failed to participate in 2 preceding party-list elections
2. Failed to get $2 \%$ of votes under party-list in 2 preceding elections
3. Violation of laws/rules relating to election when violation is imputable to the party itself and not confined to an individual member (e.g. failure to submit list of nominees)
4. Made untruthful statements
5. Failed to Exist for 1 year
6. All nominees are disqualified

Note: Improper nomination (not ground)

## Disqualified Parties

Religious Sect

Advocates Violence

Adjunct of,
Funded by
Government

Foreign or ForeignAssisted Party

## Statutory Thresholds



## Procedure in Seat Allocation

1. Rank parties according to plurality
2. Determine $1^{\text {st }}$ Party (most number of votes)
3. Calculate percentage per Party: \# of votes of Party/ total \# of $2^{\text {nd }}$ votes
4. Parties that obtain at least $2 \%$ gets $\underline{1}$ guaranteed seat (1st round)
5. No rounding-off
6. For additional seats ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ round), \# of votes of that party/ \# of votes of first party x number of seats of 1st party
7. Only $1^{\text {st }}$ Party gets 3 seats

## Results of the 2013 Party-List Elections

| PARTY-LIST GROUP | GRAND <br> TOTAL <br> 28-May <br> 1:52 AM | ```PERCENTAGE (%) OF VOTES GARNERED``` | Guaranteed Seat | Additional Seat (2nd round) | Total \$eats |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BUHAY | 1,265,992 | 4.74 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| A TEACHER | 1,040,898 | - 3.90 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| BAYAN MUNA | 952,767 | 3.57 | 1. | 1 | 2 |
| 1-CARE | 933,831 | 3.49 | 1. | 1 | 2 |
| AKBAYAN | 827,405 | 3.10 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| ABONO | 767,645 | 2.87 | - 1 | 1 | 2 |
| AKB | 763,103 | 2.86 | 1. | $1{ }^{1}$ | 2 |
| OFW FAMILY | +750,753 | 2.81 | i4 $1^{1}$ | 1 | 2 |
| GABRIELA | 713,492 | 2.67 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| COOP-NATCCO | 641,355 | 2.40 | 1 | 1. | i 2 |
| AGAP | 592,069 | 2.22 | 1 | i 1 | 12 |
| CIBAC | 583,768 | 2.18 | 1 | $1 \quad 0$ | 2 |
| MAGDALO | 565,883 | 2.12 | -1 | $\cdots 11$ \% | $1: 2$ |
| AN WARAY | 540,906 | 12.02 | 1, | 1.6 | 2 |
| ABAMIN | 465,989 | WYY | GRAA.COMi | S1; ', | 1 |



## Notes on 2013 Elections

1. $1^{\text {st }}$ Party, even if it did not get $6 \%$, was given 3 seats
2. Only Parties which obtained at least $2 \%$ during the $1^{\text {st }}$ round got 1 seat in 1 seat in $1^{\text {st }}$ round and an additional seat in $2^{\text {nd }}$ round
3. Even Parties which did not obtain $4 \%$ got 2 seats ( $1^{\text {st }}$ seat in $1^{\text {st }}$ round and $2^{\text {nd }}$ seat in $2^{\text {nd }}$ round)
4. The Party that got $1,040,898$ votes got the same number of seats as that Party that obtained 540,906 votes despite 499,992 vote difference
5. Party which got 242,835 , even if it did not $2 \%$ of $2^{\text {nd }}$ votes (less than $1 \%$ ), was given 1 seat

## Dispute Resolution

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1. Registration
2. Accreditation
3. Delisting/ Cancellation
4. Election Protest
5. Quo Warranto

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