

Rules on Incumbent Officials

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<i>Favoring Incumbents</i>	<i>Possible Elections Offenses of Incumbent Public Officials</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elective officials not considered resigned regardless of elective position sought (appointive officials considered ipso facto resigned upon filing of certificate of candidacy) 2. Electioneering does not extend to acts of governance, provided no intention to campaign for or against a candidate (not all acts of beneficence is considered campaigning) 3. News about incumbents not considered campaigning, thus, not covered in caps on campaign media exposure 4. Governance collaterals and announcements may not be required to be removed since not considered campaigning without intent to campaign 5. Rules of Appreciations favor incumbents (<i>no longer applicable in an automated election where names are printed on ballots</i>) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vote-buying (promises any office or employment, franchise or grant) 2. Coercion of subordinates (coerces or intimidates or compels subordinates; dismisses or threatens to dismiss, punishes or threatens to punish subordinates) 3. Appointment of new employees, creation of new positions, promotions, or gives salary increases 4. Transfer of officers and employees in the civil service 5. Intervention of public officers and employees 6. Undue influence (promises any office or employment, public or private, or makes or offer to make an expenditure) 7. Appointment or use of special policemen, special agents, confidential agents or the like) 8. Illegal release of prisoners before and after election 9. Use of public funds, money deposited in trust, equipment, facilities owned or controlled by the government for an election campaign 10. Use of armoured land, water or air craft 11. Use of Policemen and provincial guards acting as bodyguards or security guards 12. Release, disbursement or expenditure of public funds 13. Construction of public works, delivery of materials for public works and issuance of treasury warrants and similar devices 14. Suspension of elective provincial, city, municipal or barangay officer