Postponement and Failure of Elections Alberto C. Agra

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	Postponement of Elections	Failure of Elections
Legal Bases	Section 5, Omnibus Election Code	Section 6, Omnibus Election Code
	Section 4, RA No. 7166	Section 4, RA No. 7166
Grounds	1. Force Majeure	1. Force Majeure
	2. Violence	2. Violence
	3. Terrorism	3. Terrorism
	4. Loss or Destruction of Election Paraphernalia	4. Fraud
	5. Analogous causes	5. Analogous causes
Extent of	Serious and Impossibility to have free and orderly	Failure to elect <i>and</i> affect results of elections (illegality
Cause	elections	must affect 50% of the votes)
Basis	Expectancy/ potential effect	Actual outcome/results
Conditions	Grounds must exist before voting	1. Election not held or suspended
		2. After voting or during preparation
		3. Transmission
		4. Canvassing
Area	Any political subdivision	Any polling place
Procedural	1. Motu Propio or by Verified Petition	1. Verified Petition
Requirements	2. Notice and Due Process	2. Notice and Due Process
Authority	Comelec En Banc	
Effect if	Postpone elections	1. Declaration of failure of elections
Petition	2. Conduct elections reasonable close to elections	2. Holding or continuation of elections reasonably close
Granted	which was not held; but not later than 30 days	to elections which was not held; but not later than 30
	from cessation of the cause	days from cessation of cause

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