

Suffrage and Voter Registration

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<i>Concept of Suffrage</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) What? Suffrage is a Right (not an obligation)2) Who? Qualifications defined in Constitution; Disqualifications defined in Statute3) How? Procedural Requirements allowed to be imposed by Congress, Substantive not allowed4) When? Qualifications must be possessed on election day5) Right to Register? Applicants have the right to register prior to election day even if they do not (yet) possess all the qualifications provided they are qualified on election day
<i>Qualifications of Voters</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Filipino Citizen2) At least 18 years of age on election day3) Resident in Philippines for at least 1 year prior to election day (domicile; permanent residency)4) Resided in place wherein propose to vote for at least 6 months prior to election day (permanent or temporary)5) Free from Disqualifications6) In order to vote, must be a registered voter
<i>Disqualifications of Voters</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Sentenced by final judgment of imprisonment of 1 year or more2) Sentenced to suffer accessory penalty (deprivation of political rights)3) Adjudged by final judgment of a crime involving disloyalty4) Court-declared insane and incompetent persons
<i>4-Step Registration Procedure</i>	<p>Step 1. Accomplish a sworn application for registration</p> <p>Step 2. File the application before the Election Officer of city or municipality of residence.</p> <p>Step 3. Election Registration Board (ERB) will process registration quarterly.</p> <p>Step 4. ERB decides to include name in List of Voters</p>
<i>Continuing System</i>	Application is conducted daily by EO, except within 120 days before regular elections and 90 days before special elections.
<i>When Deemed</i>	Registered once application is included in Book of Voters (BV) (operative act)

Registered	
VIN/VIC	Each registered voter is issued a Voter's Identification Number and Voter's Identification Card
Biometrics	In order to vote, voters must have their biometrics taken ("No Bio No Boto")
200/Precinct	1 precinct = 200 voters, except if clustered
Computerized List	All levels
Permanent List	Permanent, but subject to changes (+ or -): 1) New Voters (+) 2) Change of Address (+ in new address; - in old address) 3) Activation (+) and Deactivation (-) 4) Cancellation [death] (-) 5) Inclusion (+) and Exclusion by Courts (-) 6) Annulment of BV by Comelec (-)
Deactivation (Grounds)	1) Disqualified to Vote 2) Failed to Vote in 2 preceding elections 3) Registration Excluded by the Court 4) Lose Filipino Citizenship
Annulment of BV (Grounds)	1) Book Prepared Improperly, Preparation Attended with Vice or Fraud 2) Book contains Statistically Improbable Data (not qualification of voters)
Inclusion and Exclusion	<i>Grounds:</i> 1) Disapproval of Application or Name Stricken Out (Inclusion) 2) Not Qualified or Voter Fictitious (Exclusion) <i>Jurisdiction:</i> Municipal/ Metropolitan Trial Court (not Comelec), then Regional Trial Court (not Comelec), then Supreme Court (question of law)