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 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING DEPARTMENT  
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**IN THE MATTER OF EXTENDING  
 THE PERIOD FOR OVERSEAS  
 VOTERS WHO FAILED TO VOTE IN  
 THE 2007 AND 2010 ELECTIONS TO  
 MANIFEST THEIR INTENT TO  
 VOTE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE  
 MAY 13, 2013 NATIONAL AND  
 LOCAL ELECTIONS.**

**BRILLANTES, SIXTO JR. S.,** Chairman  
**TAGLE, LUCENITO N.,** Commissioner  
**YUSOPH, ELIAS R.,** Commissioner  
**LIM, CHRISTIAN ROBERT S.,** Commissioner  
**PADACA, MARIA GRACIA CIELO M.,** Commissioner

Promulgated: March 5, 2013

Resolution No. 9653  
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**WHEREAS,** it is the declared policy of the state to provide a system of honest and orderly overseas absentee voting that upholds the secrecy and sanctity of the ballot. Towards this end, the State ensures equal opportunity to all qualified citizens of the Philippines abroad in the exercise of this fundamental right.

**WHEREAS,** Section 9 of RA 9189 or the Overseas Absentee Voting Act of 2003 provides:

**Sec. 9. National Registry of Overseas Absentee Voters. –**  
 The Commission shall maintain a National Registry of Overseas Absentee Voters. Approved applications of overseas absentee registrants shall also be included in the permanent list of voters of the city or municipality where the registrant is domiciled, with the corresponding annotation that such person has been registered or will be voting as an overseas absentee voter. The registry shall also include those registered under Republic Act No. 8189 and who have been issued certifications as overseas absentee voters. The entries in the National Registry of Overseas Absentee Voters and the annotations as overseas absentee voters in the Certified Voters' List shall be permanent, and cannot be cancelled or amended except in any of the following cases:

9.1. When the overseas absentee voter files a letter under oath addressed to the Commission that he/she wishes to be removed from the Registry of Overseas Absentee Voters, or that his/her name be transferred to the regular registry of voters; or,

9.2. When an overseas absentee voter's name was ordered removed by the Commission from the Registry of Overseas Absentee Voters for his/her failure to exercise his/her

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**right to vote under this Act for two (2) consecutive national elections.**

**WHEREAS**, on December 4, 2012, the Commission en banc promulgated Resolution No. 9567 providing an opportunity to overseas voters who failed to vote in the 2007 and 2010 elections to file their manifestations of intent to vote not later than December 21, 2012 in order that their names shall not be cancelled from the registry;

**WHEREAS**, Comelec Resolution 9578, promulgated December 14, 2012 subsequently extended the period to file the required manifestation of intent to vote from December 21, 2012 to January 11, 2013;

**WHEREAS**, of the 238,557 overseas voters who failed to vote in the 2007 and 2010 elections, only 40 persons were able to file their manifestation of intent to vote within the period given;

**WHEREAS**, in consultation with several overseas Filipinos, overseas Filipino organizations and other interested parties, there has been a consistent clamour to extend the period to file the manifestation of intent to vote, in order to give our overseas Filipinos the opportunity to participate in the May 13, 2013 Elections;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission holds the right of suffrage of every Filipino of the highest importance, hence there is a need to revisit the period given to registered overseas voters who failed to vote in the two successive elections to give them an opportunity to participate in the May 13, 2013 elections;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Commission on Elections **RESOLVED** as it hereby **RESOLVES** to:

1. Extend the period of filing of the manifestation of intent to vote until the last day of voting for overseas Filipinos;
2. Require the concerned voters who wish to vote to present themselves at the Post where they are registered and sign in the blank OVF No. 2A provided for that purpose;
3. Direct the Information Technology Department to prepare the list per post of voters who failed to vote in the 2007 and 2010 elections;
4. Direct the Allocation Committee to allocate ballots equivalent to 20% of the registered voters in posts where postal voting is adopted; Corollary thereto, no additional allocation shall be made for posts adopting personal

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- and automated voting considering that the ballots allocated for them is sufficient to cover the voter turn out;
- 5. Direct the SBEI in the last precinct in personal voting and the SBERCG in the last precinct in postal voting to:
  - a) Verify the name of the overseas voter manifesting his intention to vote from the list prepared by the Information Technology Department;
  - b) Direct the voter to sign in the appropriate space in the blank form of OVF No 2-A;
  - c) Allow the voter to cast his ballot in accordance with the rules;
  - d) Enter in the Minutes of Voting such fact.
- 6. Direct the Education and Information Department to cause the immediate publication of this resolution in two newspapers of general circulation.

Let the Committee on Overseas Absentee Voting implement this resolution.


**SO ORDERED.**

  
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Chairman

  
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Commissioner

  
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