



**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ETHICS**

<b>349</b>	<b>Letter from Board Member Jomar L. Gaza, J.D., RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 7 TO 11 AND 88 OF THE INTERNAL RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF BATAAN FOR THE TERM 2022-2025. (Referred last September 05, 2022)</b>
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After spirited committee meetings on the proposed amendments on the Internal Rules of Procedure (IRP) of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP), this Committee decided on three (3) matters, as follows:

- 1.) To amend Rule V, Sections 7 to 11 to read as follows:

**"TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER**

Section 7. In the event of the inability of the regular Presiding Officer to preside at a Sanggunian session, the members present and constituting a quorum shall elect from among themselves a Temporary Presiding Officer (Sec. 49 of RA 7160), who will temporarily exercise all the powers, duties and functions of the Presiding Officer.

Section 8. In the event that the above election fails or results into an impasse, or the necessity for such an election is waived by the members unanimously, the highest ranking Board Member present and willing shall be the Temporary Presiding Officer.

The highest ranking Board Member is the member who obtained the highest proportion of votes obtained to the total number of registered voters in each district in the immediately preceding local election (Sec. 44 of RA 7160).

Section 9. The Temporary Presiding Officer, shall certify the passage of Ordinances enacted or Resolutions adopted by the Sanggunian in the session over which he or she temporarily presided, within ten (10) days therefrom.

Section 10. While presiding, the Temporary Presiding Officer shall have the right to vote only if there is a tie.

Section 11. The Temporary Presiding Officer shall not lose his status as a regular member, including his rights and prerogatives, thus, at his or her

own discretion, he may relinquish the Chair temporarily to any member of the Sanggunian if he or she would like to go down the floor and participate in the deliberation in his or her capacity as a regular member."

2.) To amend Rule IX, Section 17 to read as follows:

"Section 17. The Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall have four (4) Regular Sessions every month, which will be held on Mondays, at **9:30** in the morning at the Session Hall, xxx"

3.) As to the proposed amendment of Rule XIX, Section 88 on the division of the existing Committee on Finance, Budget, Appropriations and Ways & Means into two separate committees (1. Ways & Means and 2. Budget & Appropriation), this Committee decided to refer the matter to the SP for it to decide upon the same in plenary.



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