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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 2016-64

TO : ALL NEWLY-ELECTED GOVERNORS, MAYORS, VICE GOVERNORS, VICE MAYORS, MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN/PANLUNGSOD/BAYAN, THE ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : COMPLIANCE TO SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166 ON STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES (SOCE)

Republic Act No. 7166 provides that no person elected to any public office shall enter upon the duties of his office until he has filed the Statement of Contributions and Expenditures (SOCE). Specifically, Section 14 states that:

“Sec. 14. Statement of Contributions and Expenditures; Effect of Failure to File Statement.- Every candidate and treasurer of the political party shall, within thirty (30) days after the day of the election, file in duplicate with the offices of the Commission the full, true and itemized statement of all contributions and expenditures in connection with the election.

No person elected to any public office shall enter upon the duties of his office until he has filed the statement of contributions and expenditures herein required.”

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Further, Item No. 3 of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) and this Department dated March 14, 2012, states that:

“Before administering an oath of office to any winning candidate or allowing a winning candidate assumption into office, the DILG or any of its attached agencies shall require him or her to present a Certification from the COMELEC that he or she have satisfactorily complied with his or her obligation under Section 14 of Republic Act No. 7166 by filing his or her Statement of Contributions and Expenditures with the COMELEC. Absent this Certification, the winning candidate cannot enter into the execution of his or her office pursuant to Paragraph 2 of the same provision of law.”

Accordingly, all concerned newly-elected officials are urged to comply with the aforementioned provisions and strictly observe the following timeline:


ACTIVITY	DEADLINE
• Filing of SOCE	June 9, 2016
• Submission to DILG of Certification from COMELEC that the newly-elected official has filed SOCE (<i>thru the Provincial Director for Governors, Vice Governors and Sangguniang Panlalawigan members, the City Director or CLGOO for City Mayors, City Vice Mayors and Sangguniang Panglungsod members, the MLGOO for Municipal Mayors, Municipal Vice Mayors and Sangguniang Bayan members</i>)	June 17, 2016

Likewise, all DILG Regional Offices are to submit the consolidated data on SOCE submission not later than **June 24, 2016**, through the prescribed reporting form available on Google Drive. Said form may be accessed through the following link: <http://bit.ly/1QPRf27>. There is no need to download the forms, filling out of the monitoring report forms are to be done online. Should the Regional Office cascade the same to the Field Offices, kindly share the same Google spreadsheet, and the Bureau of Local Government Supervision shall be the one to grant access thereto.

For related queries, please contact the Bureau of Local Government Supervision, through Telephone Numbers (02) 925 0351 or (02) 928 9181 or email address at blgpcmd@gmail.com.

All DILG Regional Directors and the ARMM Regional Governor are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Circular to all local governments within their respective jurisdiction.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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Secretary 