

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1033, September 22, 1976]

STATING THE QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE IN THE REFERENDUM-PLEBISCITE ON OCTOBER 16, 1976

WHEREAS, when the people expressed their continued opposition to the convening of the interim National Assembly, their opposition was based on the general unacceptability of said interim body as constituted under Section 2 of Article XVII of the new Constitution, thus showing the people's desire to have such body abolished and replaced by amending the Constitution;

WHEREAS, the incumbent President in his desire to consult the people as to how the corresponding amendment is to be made, issued P.D. No. 991 calling for a national referendum on October 16, 1976 to decide, among others, this particular issue of the existence of the interim assembly, its replacement and the powers and functions of the body which is to replace it;

WHEREAS, the people through the barangays and sanggunians have likewise manifested their wish that the constitutional amendment providing for the new interim legislative body be submitted to the people directly in the October 16, 1976 referendum-plebiscite.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby decree:

SECTION 1. The questions to be submitted to the people in the referendum-plebiscite to be held on October 16, 1976 shall be as follows:

(1) Do you want martial law to be continued?

(2) Whether or not you want martial law to be continued, do you approve the following amendments to the Constitution? For the purpose of the second question, the referendum shall have the effect of a plebiscite within the contemplation of Section 2 of Article XVI of the Constitution.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1. There shall be, in lieu of the Interim National Assembly, an interim Batasang Pambansa, Members of the interim Batasang Pambansa which shall not be more than 120, unless otherwise provided by law, shall include the incumbent President of the Philippines, representatives elected from the different regions of the nation, those who shall not be less than eighteen years of age elected by their respective sectors, and those chosen by the incumbent President from the members of the Cabinet. Regional representatives shall be apportioned among the regions in accordance with the number of their respective inhabitants and on the basis of a uniform and progressive ratio while the sectors shall be determined by law. The number of representatives from each region or sector and the manner of their election shall be prescribed and regulated by law.