

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 254, July 24, 1973 ]

## **EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF VOTING AND CANVASS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REFERENDUM SET ON JULY 27, 1973, UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 228, DATED JUNE 26, 1973.**

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Elections has reported that a great number of voters for the referendum on July 27, 1973 had been registered, in view of which there is widespread apprehension that they may not all be accommodated in one day; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that all these registered voters be given the fullest opportunity to exercise their right to express their views on the question proposed in the referendum;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, and General Order No. 1, dated September 22, 1972, do hereby extend the period of voting to July 28, 1973, and the period of canvass of votes until such time as the Commission on Elections may deem it necessary to complete the same.

This Decree shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-three.

**(Sgd.) FERDINAND E.  
MARCOS**  
President  
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:

**(Sgd.) ALEJANDRO  
MELCHOR**

Assistant Executive  
Secretary



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