

Comelec to hold b'gay, SK polls simulation

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As moves to postpone the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections next month are not likely to prosper, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) is set to conduct a simulation of the political exercise on April 21.

Teopisto Elnas, Comelec-project management office director, said the simulation would be conducted at the Rosario Almario Elementary School in Tondo from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“Voters in clustered precincts 63 and 64 in Barangay 20 will participate in the simulation with 50 voters per precinct,” Elnas, who also heads the Comelec-election and barangay affairs department, said.

He said members of the electoral board and barangay board of canvassers in the said precincts would serve in the simulation polls.

The Comelec will simulate voting and canvassing and test the readiness of the members of the board of election inspectors and canvassers.

The poll body said the exercise is expected to identify problems that may crop up on election day.

“This will be the first SK elections to be held after the passage of the SK Reform Act... The commission is looking to address confusions that may arise... as well as other potential problems,” Elnas said.

The House of Representatives approved on third and final reading last month a bill seeking to postpone the elections from May 14 to Oct. 23.

However, senators said there is no more time for them to pass a counterpart bill.