

# 10 anti-fraud tips for voters on Election Day

- 1.**  
Look for your assigned precinct and your name on the voters' list early.
- 2.**  
Make sure the ballot is clean and free of marks before accepting it from the Board of Election Inspectors. Do not accept ballots with marks or dirt because the PCOS machines may be unable to read them. Spoiled ballots may not be replaced.
- 3.**  
The BEI should scan ballots so voters can see their ultraviolet marks. This would prove that the voters were given original ballots. Do not accept ballots without UV marks.
- 4.**  
Make sure the PCOS machine reads your ballot. If the machine rejects the ballot, you have four tries to insert it again in different orientations. Voters are allowed to fix ambiguous marks or the improper shading of ovals. The BEI should also explain why the ballot was rejected. It might not be the voter's fault and the PCOS machine might be broken. If a machine has rejected several valid ballots, it has to be replaced.
- 5.**  
Do not over-vote, otherwise the PCOS machine will not read the votes for that position. Make sure you fully shade the ovals, or the machine might reject your ballot for having "ambiguous marks." You will not be given another ballot if you make a mistake while voting. Meanwhile, the use of ballots to sabotage the PCOS machines is strictly prohibited.
- 6.**  
If a precinct runs out of ballots, a voter can still cast his vote in the next nearest precinct. The BEI should accompany the voter after giving the latter a certification.
- 7.**  
Only the BEI can hand out ballots. Not even local officials, Comelec personnel and Smartmatic technicians can interfere. Also, no one should tinker with the PCOS machines during voting time.
- 8.**  
Voters should make sure they sign the voters' list at the start, and have their fingernail marked with indelible ink at the end. This is one safeguard against "flying voters".
- 9.**  
The allotted voting time is from 7 am to 6 pm. Voters who are within 30 meters from the precinct or are still in line after 6 pm can still vote. They should have their names listed down by the BEI. Voting should continue until everyone within 30 meters of the precinct or in line has voted.
- 10.**  
Armed police, military, para-military forces, security guards, barangay officials, armed goons and supporters of politicians who are campaigning are barred from the polling precinct. The BEI should send them out.

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