

Election Law in Perspective

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The numerous enacted election laws of this country have continually eluded the attainment of the basic goal of Election Law: Good Government. The Author observes that a good government of men and women requires a strong and insulated electoral procedure to ensure that the right people get to the right places. In this light, the electoral process itself becomes an instrument of change.

The Philippine electoral process is rife with mistrust, manipulation of laws, and lack of continued vigilance on the part of the electorate. The problem, however, lies not in the inadequacy of the law but in the election officers, electoral maturity of the electorate, and the attitude of those in power and those who seek power. Undermining election laws undermine the effective exercise of the sovereign will of the people.