

Ecclesiastics in Local Politics: Pamil v. Teleron

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The Case Comment involves a priest who was elected to the position of municipal mayor. The losing candidate filed for certiorari after the lower court sustained the right of the priest to hold office. The Supreme Court granted the certiorari.

In this Comment, the Authors compare the said ruling with the case of *McDaniel v. Paty*, a case decided by the Supreme Court seven months before the Philippine Supreme Court decided *Pamil v. Teleron*.

For the Authors, the ruling in *Pamil v. Teleron* is based on the fear that allowing ecclesiastics to obtain political power will again result to the abuse that Filipinos received from the friars during the Spanish colonization era. They find this fear unfounded and disagree with the ruling.