AUTHOR: GREGORIO EDDIE R.

TITLE: Correlates of the Legislative Productivity of Sangguniang Bayan-Panlungsod Members of Ilocos Norte.

Year: 2009

Acc. No.: 660743

Abstract: This study determined the correlates of the level of knowledge on parliamentary procedure and legislative productivity of Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod members of Ilocos Norte.

The study followed the descriptive research method using a questionnaire and documentary analysis in gathering data.

Included in the study were 47 Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod members who are second termers, third termers and some former Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod members who were seated during the term 2004-2007 from selected cities/municipalities in the province. The data gathered were analyzed using frequency, percentage, mean, weighted mean and Pearson r of correlation.

The Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod members are dominated by males who are in their middle adulthood (mean age of 48.92 years old), college graduates (57.46%), who have been legislators for an average of 8.38 years, diversified as to occupation prior to becoming as legislators and who are politically affiliated (72.34%) with the administration.

Generally the Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod members of Ilocos Norte are knowledgeable (mean=4.0) on the different aspects/areas of parliamentary procedure.

For the period 2004 to 2007, a total of 3,623 legislations have been passed/enacted by the different Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod members of Ilocos Norte along poverty reduction (3,063 or 84.54%), accountability and transparency (288 or 7.95%), gender and equality (21 or 0.58%) peace and unity (121 or 3.34%), environmental protection (112 or 3.09%) and citizen/s participation (18 or 0.50%).

The Sangguniang Panlungsod members of Pinili are the most productive who have passed/enacted 724 legislations, however,
478 or 69.68% of the 686 ordinances/resolutions enacted/passed under the category of poverty reduction pertain to review of action on the appropriation passed by the different barangays. Following them were the legislators of Batac who passed 592 legislations. Carasi legislators were the least productive who passed 163 legislation.

Regarding the respondent legislators, they passed/enacted 1,500 legislations, distributed as follows: poverty reduction 1,130 (75.33%); accountability and transparency (235 of 15.66%); peace and unity (52 or 3.46%); environmental protection (58 or 3.87%); citizen participation (15 or 1%) and gender equality (10 or 0.67%).

Further, a total of 181 other legislations were passed/enacted by the respondent Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod members of Ilocos Norte wherein a little more than one-fourth (52 or 28.73%) pertains to expressions of sympathy/attendance to necrological services. The Sangguniang Panlungsod members of the City of Batac are the most productive along this category.

Male dominance among the Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod members is prevailing. The legislators are in their most productive ages and educationally qualified to be elected as such, they are experienced legislators with varied exposures and experiences before becoming as Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod members.

Knowledge as to form of parliamentary procedure followed in the Sanggunian and knowledge as to specific details and application of the different concepts/aspects of parliamentary procedure are wanting among the legislators.

Educational attainment and occupation prior to election are correlates of level knowledge on parliamentary procedure of the Sanggunian Bayan/Panlungsod members.

Educational attainment and level of knowledge on parliamentary procedure are the correlates of legislative productivity of the Sanggunian Bayan/Panlungsod members.

The Sanggunian Bayan/Panlungsod members are encouraged to attend trainings/workshops on parliamentary procedure and drafting ordinance/resolutions to enhance their legislative productivity.

The Sanggunian Panlalawigan should pass a resolution requiring compulsory attendance of Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod members to attend training on parliamentary procedure and drafting of resolutions and
ordinances. Likewise, a resolution to be passed by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan requesting the LGUs of DILG to allocate budget for the conduct of the training.

The results of this study should be disseminated to the different Sanggunian concerned and the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte.