



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF THE ELECTIONS AND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE ELECTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM) WITH THOSE OF THE NATIONAL AND OTHER LOCAL OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9333, ENTITLED "AN ACT FIXING THE DATE FOR REGULAR ELECTIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1           SECTION 1. *Regular Elections.* – For purposes of synchronization of  
2 elections, which is envisioned by the 1987 Constitution, the regular elections  
3 for the Regional Governor, Regional Vice Governor and Members of the  
4 Regional Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region in Muslim  
5 Mindanao (ARMM) shall be held on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Monday of May 2013.  
6 Succeeding regular elections shall be held on the same date every three (3)  
7 years thereafter.

8           SEC. 2. *Terms of Office of Elective Regional Officials.* – The term of  
9 office of the Regional Governor, Regional Vice Governor and Members of the  
10 Regional Legislative Assembly of the ARMM shall be for a period of three (3)  
11 years, which shall begin at noon on the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of September next  
12 following the day of the election and shall end at noon of the same date three  
13 (3) years thereafter.

14           SEC. 3. *End of Term of Office of the Incumbent Elective Officials.* –  
15 Pursuant to the three (3)-year term limit mandated by Section 8 of Article X of  
16 the 1987 Constitution, all incumbent elective officials of the ARMM elected in  
17 the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) regular election under Republic Act No. 9333 shall hold  
18 office only until noon of the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of September 2011.

19           SEC. 4. *Appointment of Officers-in-Charge.* – For the transitory period  
20 which is necessitated by the synchronization of the ARMM elections with the  
21 regular elections in 2013, to avoid a vacancy that will be created when the term  
22 of office of the incumbent officers of the ARMM expires at noon of the  
23 thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of September 2011, the President of the Republic of the  
24 Philippines shall appoint officers-in-charge who will take over the functions of  
25 the incumbent elective officials of the ARMM at the end of their term on noon  
26 of the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of September 2011.

1           SEC. 5. *Qualifications.* – No person shall be appointed as officer-in-  
2 charge unless he or she complies with the qualifications for Regional  
3 Governor, Regional Vice Governor or Members of the Regional Legislative  
4 Assembly of the ARMM, as provided in Republic Act No. 9054, entitled: “An  
5 Act to Strengthen and Expand the Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in  
6 Muslim Mindanao, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 6734,  
7 Entitled ‘An Act Providing for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao’,  
8 As Amended”.

9           SEC. 6. *Ineligibility of Appointed Officers-in-Charge.* – Appointed  
10 officers-in-charge referred to in Section 5 hereof shall be ineligible to run as  
11 candidates for elective positions in the next regular elections of the ARMM  
12 which shall be held on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Monday of May 2013.

13           SEC. 7. *Study and Review of the Organic Act.* – The appointed  
14 Members of the Regional Legislative Assembly of the ARMM shall conduct a  
15 study and review of Republic Act No. 9054 and submit recommendations to  
16 the Congress of the Philippines within six (6) months from their assumption  
17 into office.

18           SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and  
19 regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this  
20 Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

21           SEC. 9. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect immediately  
22 upon the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

23           Approved,