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AN ACT  
CONSTITUTING A COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING THE  
FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF RELOCATING THE NATIONAL  
CAPITAL AND SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR  
OTHER RELEVANT PURPOSES

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

1           **SECTION 1. *Organization.***- The National Capital Commission, hereinafter referred  
2 to as the "Commission", is hereby created and constituted in order to study possibility and  
3 feasibility of the relocation of the national capital and the transfer of the permanent seat of the  
4 government of the Philippines.

5           **SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.*** - As used in this Act, the following terms shall be  
6 construed as follows:

- 7           a. *National Capital* - The capital city of a nation.
- 8           b. *Seat of Government* - encompasses the three (3) main branches of the national  
9 government including its administrative departments, central offices and  
10 instrumentalities of the national government.

1           **SEC. 3. *Composition.***- The Commission shall be composed of the chairman and two  
2 (2) commissioners to be appointed by the President of the Republic. The chairman and  
3 commissioners shall have the rank of cabinet secretaries and undersecretaries, respectively,  
4 with the following qualifications:

5           A.     Filipino;

6           B.     At least thirty five (35) years of age;

7           C.     With relevant educational qualification, training and experience in city and/or  
8                 urban planning, design and/or community development and/or other relevant  
9                 fields.

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11           **SEC. 4. *Temporary Detail of Public Officials and Employees.*** – The President, upon  
12 request and recommendation of the Commission, may temporarily detail to the commission  
13 such public officers and/or personnel from other departments or agencies which may be  
14 required by the Commission. The detailed officers or personnel may be paid honoraria and/or  
15 allowance as may be authorized by law, subject to pertinent accounting and auditing rules  
16 and regulations.

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18           **SEC. 5. *Mandate.*** It shall be the mandate of the Commission to study and  
19 recommend possibility and feasibility of the transfer or non-transfer of the national capital  
20 and permanent seat of the government of the Philippines.

21           In the event that the Commission finds the transfer to be feasible, it shall also identify  
22 and recommend prospective relocation/transfer sites, and the process through which such  
23 relocation and/or transfer can be reasonably carried out.

24           In case of a recommendation not to transfer the national capital and seat of  
25 government of the Republic, the Commission shall also submit its recommendations on how

1 to best improve the existing state of affairs in the City of Manila and the National Capital  
2 Region (NCR), with the end in view of promoting more effective and efficient government  
3 service, and enabling the City of Manila and the NCR to meet the challenge of serving as  
4 national capital and seat of government in the decades to come.

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6 **SEC. 6. Secretariat and Technical Committee.-** The Commission shall organize its  
7 Secretariat which shall provide administrative and technical support to the Commission. The  
8 Commission and its Secretariat shall hold office at such venue as the Commission may deem  
9 appropriate.

10 The Commission is hereby authorized to create technical committees and designate  
11 members thereof, and may engage the assistance of experts and professional consultants and  
12 advisors, subject to government existing rules and regulations.

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14 **SEC. 7. Organization and Term of Office.-** The organization of the Commission, its  
15 committees and sub-offices, as well as the appointment of the members thereof shall be  
16 completed within six (6) months from the approval of this Act.

17 The Commission shall complete its work not later than three (3) years from the date  
18 of approval of this Act, and shall submit to the President of the Philippines, a report of the  
19 work undertaken by it together with its corresponding recommendations.

20 **SEC. 8. Termination.** – Upon completion of its work and the submission of its report,  
21 the Commission shall cease to exist and the services of the Commissioners and members of  
22 the Secretariat and Technical Committee shall terminate. The temporary detail of officers or  
23 personnel coming from other government department and agencies shall be co-terminous  
24 herewith.

1           **SEC. 9. *Appropriation.***- The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this  
2 Act shall be included by the Department of Budget and Management in the annual General  
3 Appropriations Act (GAA).

4           **SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** All previous issuances inconsistent with the provisions  
5 of this order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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7           **SEC. 11. *Effectivity.*** This order shall take effect upon its publication in the *Official*  
8 *Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*