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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On the one hand, the regular election for Governor, Vice-Governor and Members of the Regional Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) is unanimously proposed to and will most probably be set on the second Monday of September 2005 and every three (3) years thereafter, in compliance with Republic Act No. 9054 or An Act to Strengthen and Expand the Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 6734, Entitled 'An Act Providing for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao', As Amended, which was approved in a plebiscite held for the purpose. On the other hand, Republic Act No. 9164 schedules the subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections on the last Monday of October and every three (3) years thereafter.

In accordance with the constitutional policy to synchronize elections, this bill seeks to move the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections to the second Monday of September 2005 to coincide with the ARMM election so that there will be simultaneous regular elections for Governor, Vice-Governor and Members of the Regional Legislative Assembly of the ARMM, and barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials once every three (3) years on the second Monday of September, starting September 2005, to allow the necessary preparations and efficiently maximize government resources.

Sovereignty is exercised by the people and those chosen by them. A fixed and ascertained time for holding elections is indispensable to the full and effectual exercise of the right of suffrage to enable the people to choose their representatives to discharge sovereign functions and to ensure the continuity of government and the preservation and perpetuation of its benefits.

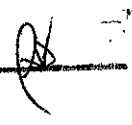


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AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 "Section. 1. *Date of Election.* – There shall be synchronized barangay
4 and sangguniang kabataan elections which shall be held on July 15, 2002.
5 Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections
6 shall be held on the [last Monday of October] **SECOND MONDAY OF**
7 **SEPTEMBER** and every three (3) years thereafter."

8 *Sec. 2. Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
9 order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with Sec. 1 of this Act is hereby
10 repealed or modified accordingly.

11 *Sec. 3. Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the
12 completion of its publication in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

13 Approved,