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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 9333, otherwise known as an "Act Fixing the Date of Regular Elections for Elective Officials of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao" set the ARMM elections on 8 August 2005. The Commission on Elections (Comelec) began the process of registering voters last January 17.

However, the National Budget for fiscal year 2005 does not include an appropriation for the ARMM elections, thus the Comelec does not have the necessary funds to conduct the said elections. The Comelec estimates that a total of P412,273,626 is needed if the election will be done manually, or P546,744,563 if an automated system is used.

The Constitution provides that all appropriation, revenue or tariff bills, bills authorizing increase of public debt, bills of local application, and private bills shall originate exclusively in the House of Representatives, but the Senate may propose or concur with amendments. Therefore, pending appropriate action from the House of Representatives, this bill calls for the appropriation of the amount of five hundred forty-six million seven hundred forty-four thousand five hundred sixty-three pesos (P546,744,563.00), to enable the Comelec to fulfill its mandated duty under the law, and provided the funds needed to hold the ARMM elections.



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AN ACT
APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX MILLION,
SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE
PESOS TO FUND THE ARMM ELECTIONS SET ON 8 AUGUST 2005 PURSUANT
TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9333

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

1 **SECTION 1. Appropriation for the ARMM elections.** – The amount of five
2 hundred forty-six million seven hundred forty-four thousand five hundred sixty-
3 three pesos (546,744,563.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
4 hereby appropriated to cover the funding requirements for the elections of the
5 Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), mandated by Republic Act
6 No. 9333.

7 **Sec. 2. Use of Funds.** – The use of funds herein appropriated shall be in
8 accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 9333.

9 **Sec. 3. Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this Act is
10 declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not
11 affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

12 **Sec. 4. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
13 following the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a
14 newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

15 Approved,
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