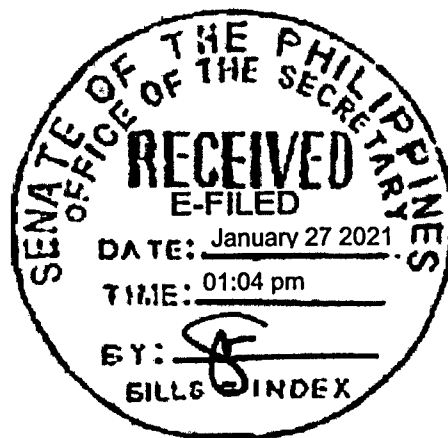


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) was established as an independent political entity to give our Muslim Filipino brothers the opportunity to have a meaningful self-governance within the bounds of the Constitution and the national sovereignty as well as territorial integrity of the Republic of the Philippines.

The Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) was mandated to create the framework for the Bangsamoro Government for BARMM within a specified statutory period, which of itself, is a novel and complex undertaking.


The recent pandemic that is COVID-19 affected the government services as priorities were shifted to the more compelling need of addressing the socio-economic crisis that burdened the people. This added a different dimension complicating the statutory timeline for the creation of a functional Bangsamoro Government.

This Bill now seeks to amend Section 13, Article XVI of Republic Act No. 11054 by postponing the First Regular Election from 2022 to 2025.

The postponement will allow the current Bangsamoro government to focus on providing the basic needs of its people that would help them survive the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, at the same time, this would allow them sufficient opportunity

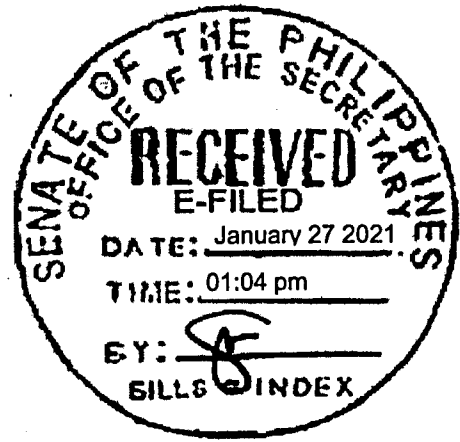
to establish a formidable BARMM governmental structure and robust policies that will be vital in effectively serving the Bangsamoro people.

Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1 Section 1. Section 13, Article XVI of the Bangsamoro Organic Law is hereby amended
2 to read as:

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4 Section 13. **First Regular Election.** - The first regular election for the
5 Bangsamoro Government under this Organic Law shall be held and
6 synchronized with the {2022} 2025 national elections. The Commission
7 on elections, through the Bangsamoro Electoral Office, shall promulgate
8 rules and regulations for the conduct of the elections, enforce and
9 administer them pursuant to national laws, this Organic Law and the
10 Bangsamoro Electoral Code.
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12 Section 2. **Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason or reasons, any part of this
13 Act shall be declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts which are not
14 affected by the declaration shall continue to be in full force and effect.

15 Section 3. **Repealing Clause.** - All provisions of existing laws, orders, rules and
16 regulations or parts thereof which are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of
17 this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

1 Section 4. **Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
2 complete publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) national newspaper
3 of general circulation in the autonomous region.

4 Approved,