



S E N A T E

S. No. 2819

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PADILLA

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE I SECTION 5 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9997, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE “NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM
FILIPINOS ACT OF 2009”

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

1 SECTION 1. Article I Section 5 of Republic Act
2 No. 9997 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 “SEC. 5. *Composition of the Commission.* –

4 The Commission shall be composed of nine (9)

5 full-time members who are Muslim Filipinos

6 and shall be headed by a Secretary: *Provided,*

7 That one (1) of the Commissioners shall come

8 from the women sector, one (1) from the youth

9 sector, [~~and~~] another Commissioner shall come

1 from the Ulama sector, AND ONE (1) FROM
2 THE BALIK-ISLAM: *Provided, further,* That
3 not more than two (2) Commissioners shall
4 come from the same Muslim Filipino tribe at
5 any given time, to ensure a more equitable
6 representation in the Commission. The
7 President shall appoint the regular members of
8 the Commission. The Commissioners shall be
9 academic degree holders and must speak and
10 write fluently the English and/or Arabic
11 languages. They shall be individuals who
12 possess the highest degree of integrity and
13 have the endorsement of their respective tribes
14 or sectors.

15 x x x.”

16 SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this
17 Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other
18 provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force
19 and effect.

1 SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders,
2 issuances, and rules and regulations, or parts thereof
3 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
4 repealed or modified accordingly.

5 SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen
6 (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in
7 at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,