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Introduced by **Senator Raffy T. Tulfo**

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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING SECTION 13, ARTICLE XVI OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054,**  
**OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO**  
**AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AS AMENDED BY**  
**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11593, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING THE**  
**TRANSITION PERIOD TO ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF**  
**THE ANNEX ON NORMALIZATION UNDER THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT**  
**ON THE BANGSAMORO (FAB), AND ALLOWING THE FIRST REGULAR**  
**ELECTION FOR THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT TO BE SYNCHRONIZED**  
**WITH THE 2028 NATIONAL ELECTIONS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed act aims to extend the Transition Period of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) as established by Republic Act No. 11054, also known as the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, as amended by Republic Act No. 11593. The extension of the Transition Period is aimed to ensure the successful implementation of the Annex on Normalization under the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro (FAB), and to allow the first regular election for the Bangsamoro Parliament to be synchronized with the 2028 National Elections.

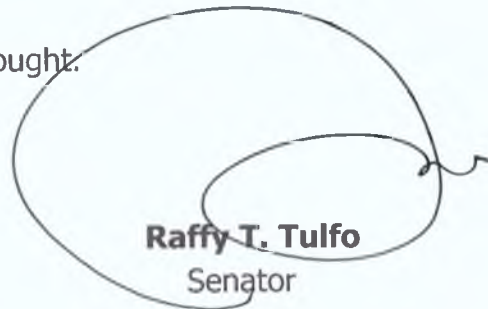
The Transition Period is crucial in ensuring the smooth transition and establishment of the BARMM as an autonomous political entity with a high degree of self-governance and jurisdiction over the Bangsamoro region. The extension of the Transition Period will provide ample time for the implementation of the Annex on Normalization, which is an essential component of the FAB, aimed at addressing the root causes of conflict and violence in the southern Philippines.

Moreover, synchronizing the first regular election for the Bangsamoro Parliament with the 2028 National Elections will simplify the electoral process and provide a more streamlined approach to the election of local and national officials.

This proposed act will amend Section 13, Article XVI of Republic Act No. 11054, as amended by Republic Act No. 11593, to extend the Transition Period until the end of the year 2028. The proposed act will provide the BARMM with the necessary support and resources to ensure its successful establishment and operation, promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the region.

This proposed act is in line with the Philippine government's commitment to the peace process in the southern Philippines and the advancement of the Bangsamoro people's rights and interests.

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 Republic Act No. 11054, as amended by  
2 Republic Act No. 11593, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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4 "SEC. 13. Transition Period. – The Bangsamoro Transition Authority  
5 (BTA) shall govern the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim  
6 Mindanao (BARMM) for a period of four (4) years from the ratification  
7 of this Organic Law. The first regular election for the Bangsamoro  
8 Parliament shall be synchronized with the 2028 National Elections.  
9 The transition period may be extended for another two (2) years,  
10 subject to the recommendation of the Bangsamoro Transition  
11 Commission (BTC), the approval of the President of the Philippines,  
12 and the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Bangsamoro  
13 Parliament."

14 *Sec. 2. Rationale for the Extension of the Transition Period.* – The extension of

1 the transition period is necessary to ensure the successful implementation of the  
2 Annex on Normalization under the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro (FAB).  
3 The extension will provide the Bangsamoro Government with additional time and  
4 resources to address the complex challenges facing the region, including the  
5 decommissioning of weapons and armed groups, the resettlement of internally  
6 displaced persons, the rehabilitation of war-torn communities, and the promotion of  
7 sustainable peace and development.

8           *Sec. 3. Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or  
9 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

10           *Sec. 4. Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations,  
11 rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby  
12 repealed or modified accordingly.

13           *Sec. 5. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
14 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general  
15 circulation.

Approved