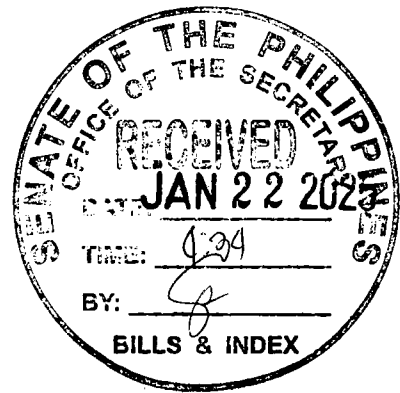


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(In Substitution of S.B. No. 2862, taking into consideration H.B. No.11144)

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AN ACT

**RESETTING THE FIRST REGULAR ELECTIONS IN THE BANGSAMORO
AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO
AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO", AS AMENDED**

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

1 Section 1. Article XVI, Section 13 of Republic Act No. 11054, otherwise known as
2 the "Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao", as
3 amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

4 "SEC. 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 2025 national elections] **ON AUGUST 11, 2025.**
7 **THE NEXT ELECTION SHALL BE HELD AND SYNCHRONIZED**
8 **WITH THE 2028 NATIONAL ELECTIONS, AND EVERY THREE (3)**
9 **YEARS THEREAFTER.** The Commission on Elections, through the
10 Bangsamoro Electoral Office, shall promulgate rules and regulations for
11 the conduct of the elections, enforce and administer them pursuant to
12 national law, this Organic Law and the Bangsamoro Electoral Code."

13 Sec. 2. During the extension of the Transition Period, the Bangsamoro Transition
14 Authority (BTA) shall continue as the interim government in the Bangsamoro

1 Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). The interim members of the BTA
2 shall serve until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

3 Sec. 3. For the purpose of this Act, aspirants who filed their certificates of
4 candidacy for the parliamentary districts and manifestations of intent to participate by
5 the duly accredited regional political parties with corresponding certificates of
6 nomination and acceptance of nominees from November 4 to 9, 2024 shall be deemed
7 automatically considered candidates and nominees to be voted for in the election of
8 August 11, 2025, without need to open and accept new candidacies. Substitution of
9 candidates and nominees shall not be allowed, except in cases of death,
10 disqualification, or incapacity, pursuant to the guidelines promulgated by the
11 Commission on Elections.

12 Sec. 4. If any of the provisions of this Act is held unconstitutional, provisions not
13 affected shall remain valid and binding.

14 Sec. 5. All laws, decrees, and all other issuances or parts thereof, which are
15 inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

16 Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the *Official*
17 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,