



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 150

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR SHEPHERDING THE PROCESS FOR THE ENACTMENT OF SENATE BILL NO. 2214, AND APPROVING THE SAME ON SECOND READING

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article XVI of Republic Act No. 11054, otherwise known as the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), provides that the first regular election for the Bangsamoro Government shall be held and synchronized with the 2022 national and local elections;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) assumed office in February 2019 and proceeded to conduct its affairs as the interim government of the BARMM, exercising its mandates, as provided in Republic Act No. 11054;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, upon confirmation by the Health Secretary of a local transmission of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the country, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte thru Proclamations No. 922 and 929 placed the whole country under a State of Public Health Emergency and a State of Calamity, respectively, imposing enhanced community quarantine all over the country;

WHEREAS, the crippling effects of the pandemic and the lockdowns, continued localized security threats, and some shortfalls in resources, have slowed down the implementation of the programs and projects of the Bangsamoro Government and the legislative deliverables from the Parliament;

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2020, the Bangsamoro Parliament passed Resolution No. 93, urging the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines to extend the BARMM Transition Period to June 30, 2025 to afford the Bangsamoro Transition Authority sufficient time to continue performing its powers and functions and fulfill its mandate;

WHEREAS, Senators Aquilino Martin “Koko” Pimentel III and Richard “Dick” J. Gordon filed Senate Bill No. 2019 and Senate Bill No. 2025 on January 26, 2021 and January 27, 2021, respectively, which bills were referred to the Senate Committee on Local Government, chaired by Senator Francis “Tol” N. Tolentino;

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2021, the Senate Committee on Local Government consolidated the abovementioned bills into Senate Bill No. 2214, resetting the First Regular Elections in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to 2025;

WHEREAS, Local Government committee chair Senator Tolentino, Senate Majority Floor Leader Juan Miguel “Migz” F. Zubiri, and Minority Floor Leader Franklin “Frank” M. Drilon, under the able stewardship of Senate President Vicente “Tito” C. Sotto III, collectively contributed to the fruitful deliberation of Senate Bill No. 2214;

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2021, Senate Bill No. 2214 was approved on Second Reading by the august body;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government understands that this is still an ongoing process towards the enactment of a law extending the transition period.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament, To commend the Senate of the Philippines for shepherding the process for the enactment of Senate Bill No. 2214 and approving the same on Second Reading.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, To forward the foregoing Resolution to the Senate of the Philippines, through the Honorable Senate President Vicente "Tito" C. Sotto III, for information and appropriate consideration.

ADOPTED, Muharram 17, 1443/August 26, 2021.

Certified Correct:


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