



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 163

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING UTMOST GRATITUDE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR APPROVING ON THIRD AND FINAL READING THE HOUSE BILL NO. 10121, ENTITLED: "AN ACT RESETTING THE FIRST REGULAR ELECTIONS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13, ARTICLE XVI OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO"

WHEREAS, R.A. No. 11054, otherwise known as the "Bangsamoro Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao" was signed into law by His Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on July 26, 2018;

WHEREAS, the law replaces the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) with the new Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) providing greater fiscal autonomy, a regional government, parliament, and justice system;

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article XVI of R.A. No. 11054 provides for the creation of a Bangsamoro Transition Authority which shall be the interim government in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region during the transition period which shall begin upon the ratification of the same Organic Law;

WHEREAS, Section 4, Article XVI of R.A. No. 11054 provides for the functions and priorities of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to wit:

- a) *Enactment of priority legislations such as the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, Bangsamoro Revenue Code, Bangsamoro Electoral Code, Bangsamoro Local Government Code, and Bangsamoro Educational Code consistent with powers and prerogatives vested in the Bangsamoro Government by this Organic Law: Provided, That until the above-mentioned laws are enacted, the Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 25, otherwise known as the "Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Local Government Code," and subsisting laws on elections and other electoral matters shall apply in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. The Bangsamoro Transition Authority may also enact a Bangsamoro Civil Service Code, as provided in this Organic Law, subject to the Constitutional mandate of the Civil Service Commission. The Bangsamoro Transition Authority shall enact law to recognize, protect, promote, and preserve the rights of indigenous peoples in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. Until the law enacted, subsisting regional laws on the indigenous peoples in the Bangsamoro shall be operational. These rights shall be promoted, protected, and enforced by the Ministry of Indigenous People's Affairs as provided under Section 8 of this Article;*
- b) *Determination of parliamentary districts for the first regular election for the members of the Parliament subject to the standards set in Section 10, Article VII of this Organic Law;*
- c) *Organization of the bureaucracy of the Bangsamoro Government during transition, including the approval and implementation of a transition plan, and the institution of a placement process for hiring of personnel during transition. This also includes the setting up of office and other institutions necessary for the continued functioning of government and delivery of social services in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, as well as those necessary for the smooth operations of the first elected Bangsamoro Government in 2022;*

- d) *Full transfer of powers and properties of the Autonomous Regional Government in Muslim Mindanao to the Bangsamoro Government, except those properties, land, and structures located outside of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. The land and permanent buildings or structures located outside the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, owned, controlled, administered, or in the possession of the Autonomous Regional Government in Muslim Mindanao, shall be purchase by the National Government at a price to be determined through the intergovernmental relations mechanism within one (1) year from the ratification of this Organic Law. Any dispute on the price may be appealed to the Office of the President which shall decide on the price with finality within three (3) months from the receipt of the appeal. The proceeds of the purchase shall be remitted to the Bangsamoro Government;*
- e) *The disposition of the personnel of the Autonomous Regional Government in Muslim Mindanao as provided in Section 10 of this Article.*
- f) *Transition from the Autonomous Regional Government in Muslim Mindanao to the Bangsamoro Government, as provided in this Organic Law; and*
- g) *Other matters that may be necessary for the protection and promotion of the general welfare of the constituents of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;*

WHEREAS, the transition period is only three years from 2019;

WHEREAS, the political track, normalization track, and transition plan were hampered by the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 placing the whole world in emergency where the priority has focused on economic recovery and containing health emergencies;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro people called for the extension of the transition period by postponing the BARMM election to 2025 to allow the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to fulfill its mandate and duties in achieving long-term peace and prosperity in the Bangsamoro Region;

WHEREAS, the extension period will pave the way for the national government to implement its commitment as espoused in the Peace Agreement it signed with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Bangsamoro Government will be able to finish its tasks as specified in the Peace Agreement and the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL);

WHEREAS, recognizing the situation and putting primary consideration in the continuity of the gains of lasting peace, the House of Representatives approved on third and final reading the bill postponing the BARMM's first regular elections on September 15, 2021:


NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to commend and express utmost gratitude to the house of representatives for approving on third and final reading the House Bill No. 10121, entitled: "An Act Resetting the First Regular Elections in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, Amending for the Purpose, Section 13, Article XVI of Republic Act No. 11054, Otherwise Known as the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao".

RESOLVED FURTHER, to forward this Resolution to the office of the Senate President Vicente "Tito" C. Sotto, for information.

ADOPTED, Safar 8, 1443/September 16, 2021.

Attested:


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