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PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 213

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A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING AND/OR REQUESTING CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO ANNUL THE BOOK OF VOTERS IN THE BARANGAYS, MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) AND CONDUCT A NEW GENERAL REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, Congress of the Philippines in the exercise of its legislative power under Article VI of the Constitution had in the past enacted laws annulling the book of voters to ensure a fair, clean, honest and orderly elections to protect and safeguard the integrity of the most cherished right of the sovereign Filipino people of suffrage;

WHEREAS, part of the exercise of this legislative powers, Congress in 1996 enacted Republic Act 8189 otherwise known as the **VOTERS REGISTRATION ACT OF 1996** and in 2012, the Senate introduced SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17 annulling the Book of Voters of the Municipalities/Cities in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and directing the COMELEC to immediately conduct a new general registration of voters;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 17 entails the need for the conduct of new registration citing thereto a data from the National Statistics Office (NSO), now Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), indicating the bloated population figures in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) that suggests that the voters list in the region were padded;

WHEREAS, further cited in the resolution is the electoral history of ARMM which tend to show irregularities and anomalies, which can be principally attributed to the padded Book of Voters;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) is likewise mandated by the Constitution specifically Article XI-C Section 2, paragraph 1 as further specified in Section 52 of the Omnibus Election Code (BP 81) to ensure a free, orderly and honest elections:

WHEREAS, Republic Act 8189 specifically Section 39 thereof provides for annulment of "any book of voters not prepared in accordance with the provisions of this Act or was prepared through fraud, bribery, forgery, impersonation, intimidation, force, or any other similar irregularity or which contains data that are statistically improbable";

WHEREAS, in the 2016 national and local elections, the COMELEC reported that ARMM registered a huge 26.87 increase in voter population four years after the general

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was conducted while national average registered a single digit percentage with CARAGA registering a 7.01 voter registration increase;

WHEREAS, this figure tend to show that irregularity in the book of voters of ARMM continue to plague the legitimacy of the election and are blatant violations of the aforecited provisions of the law which are intended to safeguard the results of the election which needs to be cured through a general registration of voters;

WHEREAS, the enactment of the Bangsamoro Organic Law, R.A. 11054 necessitates the insurance that a clean and honest election free from the influence of unscrupulous individuals who exercise control over registration and consequently election results be cast aside to be commenced through ensuring that bonafide residents are registered;

WHEREFORE, it is **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, respectfully urging and/or requesting the Congress of the Philippines and the COMELEC to annul the Book of voters in the territorial jurisdiction of the BARMM and a General Registration be ordered.

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