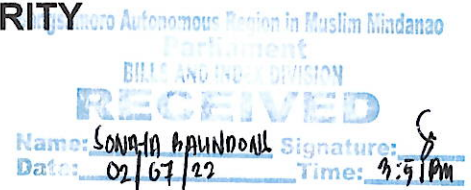


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RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 2, RULE XXXII OF BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 6, OR THE PARLIAMENTARY RULES, PROCEDURES, AND PRACTICES OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT, TO ALLOW THE LIVE COVERAGE OF COMMITTEE/ SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND HEARINGS THROUGH THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT WEBSITE, FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE PAGE, AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS AS MAY BE DEEMED ADEQUATE AND NECESSARY

WHEREAS, Section 24, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that “[t]he State recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation-building.”

WHEREAS, Section 7, Article III of the 1987 Constitution provides that:

The right of the people to information on matters of public concern shall be recognized. Access to official records, and to documents, and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions, or decisions, as well as to government research data used as basis for policy development, shall be afforded the citizen, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law.

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article IV of the Bangsamoro Organic Law provides that “[t]he Bangsamoro Autonomous Region shall have a democratic political system that **allows its people to freely participate in the political processes within its territorial jurisdiction.** The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region shall have a parliamentary form of government.”

WHEREAS, Section 24, Article VII of the same Organic Law assures public access to the proceedings of the Parliament and its committees. In addition, the *Parliamentary Rules, Procedure and Practices of the BTA* require the parliament to administer a system for audio visual broadcasting, recording, and live streaming of floor proceedings.

WHEREAS, Section 25, Article VII of the Bangsamoro Organic Law allows the Parliament to adopt its own rules for the conduct of its business;

WHEREAS, there is a need to broadcast committee/sub-committee and public hearings/consultations as a means of transparency to the Bangsamoro populace;

WHEREAS, utilizing such broadcast platform for our committee meetings and/or hearings will reinforce our commitment to the Bangsamoro who have a fundamental right to know how their government is conducted;

WHEREAS, above all, there is the need to keep audio-visual records of the committee meetings and/or hearings for documentary purposes. These will be primarily for the use of the Members in the event a review of a committee meeting and/or hearing is sought or becomes necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Bangsamoro Parliament, to amend Sections 1 and 2, Rule XXXII of Bangsamoro Parliament Approved Resolution No. 6, to read as follows:

Rule XXXII. – Broadcasting the BTA

Section 1. *Closed-Circuit Viewing of Floor Proceedings.* – The BTA shall establish a system for closed-circuit viewing of floor and committee, sub-committee, and public hearings and consultations proceedings in the offices of all Members and in such other places in the BTA as the Speaker considers appropriate. Such system may include other telecommunications functions subject to rules and regulations issued by the Speaker.

Section 2. *Public Broadcasting and Recording of Floor and Committee Proceedings.* –

- a. The BTA shall administer a system for audio and visual broadcasting, recording, and live streaming of its proceedings. The system shall include the distribution of such broadcasts and recordings to news media, for the storage of audio and video recordings of the floor, committee, sub-committee, and public hearings and consultations proceedings, and for the closed-captioning of such proceedings. Any public broadcasting and system of recording of floor proceedings shall be subject to rules and regulations issued by the Speaker;

- b. All television and radio broadcasting stations, networks, services and systems including cable television systems that are accredited to the BTA radio and television correspondents' galleries, and all radio and television correspondents who are so accredited, shall be provided access to the live coverage of the **BTA floor, committee, sub-committee, and public hearings and consultations proceedings**; and
- c. Coverage made available under this section, including any recording may not be:
- (1) Used for any political purpose;
 - (2) Used in any commercial advertisement; nor
 - (3) Broadcast with commercial sponsorship, except as part of a bona fide news program or public affairs documentary program.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Secretary General shall provide for the appropriate measures to protect the security and integrity of the **floor, committee, sub-committee, and public hearings and consultations proceedings**, to ensure the safety and reliability of the technology used, and to facilitate the proper archiving of the audio-visual or electronic recording of the committee meetings and hearings as part of the records of the Parliament.

Adopted,



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