



Eighteenth Congress  
Second Regular Session  
HOUSE BILL NO. 8116



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Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE LOREN B. LEGARDA

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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING SECTION 13 ARTICLE XVI OF REPUBLIC ACT 11054, ENTITLED**  
**“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO**  
**AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE**  
**PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 6734, ENTITLED “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE**  
**ORGANIC LAW OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO” AS**  
**AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 9054, ENTITLED “AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND**  
**EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM**  
**MINDANAO AND FIXING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE FIRST REGULAR ELECTION**  
**FOR THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to amend Section 13 Article XVI of Republic Act 11504, or the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to postpone the conduct of its First Regular Election from 2022 to 2025.

As the entire country continues to cope with the challenges caused by the Corona Virus Disease (COVID)-19, government priorities have shifted as the need to prioritize the delivery of basic health, education, economic, and social services to our people has become even more apparent and urgent.

In order to allow the Bangsamoro government to attend to more urgent needs of the Bangsamoro people, while allowing them to strengthen the foundations for stronger regional government and economy, this bill seeks to postpone the regular election for the Bangsamoro Government to 2025. The postponement will likewise give ample time for the full transition of the BARMM to take place, including the effective implementation of the programs and operations of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13 Article XVI of the Bangsamoro Organic Law is hereby amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 13. *First Regular Election.*** – The first regular election for the Bangsamoro Government under this Organic Law shall be held and synchronized with the [2022] 2025 national elections. The Commission on Elections, through the Bangsamoro Electoral Office, shall promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct of the elections, enforce and administer them pursuant to national laws, this Organic Law and the Bangsamoro Electoral Code.

**Section 2. *Separability Clause.*** – If for any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the other section or provision not so declared shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**Section 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 4. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* and in at least two (2) national newspapers



of general circulation, and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the autonomous region.

Approved.