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AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE MANNER OF FILLING A VACANCY IN THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

1 SECTION 1. In case a vacancy arises in the Senate
2 at least eighteen (18) months or in the House of Repre-
3 sentatives at least ONE (1) YEAR [nine (9) months] be-
4 fore the next regular election for Members of Congress,
5 the Commission on Elections, UPON RECEIPT OF A RESO-
6 LUTION OF THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
7 AS THE CASE MAY BE, CERTIFYING TO THE EXISTENCE OF
8 SUCH VACANCY AND CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION [as
9 soon as it is notified of the existing vacancy by resolution
10 of the Senate or House of Representatives through the
11 Senate President or Speaker, as the case may be], shall

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1 HOLD [call] a special election to fill such vacancy. IF
2 CONGRESS IS IN RECESS, AN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION ON
3 THE EXISTENCE OF THE VACANCY AND CALL FOR A SPECIAL
4 ELECTION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OR BY THE
5 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS THE CASE
6 MAY BE, SHALL BE SUFFICIENT FOR SUCH PURPOSE. The
7 Senator or Member of the House of REPRESENTATIVES thus
8 elected shall serve only for the unexpired term.

9 SEC. 2. [Such a call by] The Commission on Elections
10 shall fix the date of the special election, which shall not be
11 earlier than FORTY-FIVE (45) [thirty (30)] days nor later
12 than ninety (90) days from the date of such resolution
13 OR COMMUNICATION, stating among other[s] THINGS the
14 office or offices to be voted for: *Provided, however, That*
15 *if within the said period a general election is scheduled*
16 *to be held, the special election shall be held simultaneously*
17 *with such general election.*

18 SEC. 3. The Commission on Elections shall send copies
19 of the resolution, in number sufficient for due distribution
20 and publication, to the Provincial or City Treasurer of
21 each province or city concerned, who in turn shall publish
22 it in their respective localities by posting at least three
23 copies thereof in as many conspicuous places in each of
24 their election precincts, and a copy in each of the polling
25 places and public markets, and in the municipal buildings.

- 1 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its PUBLICATION
- 2 IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE OR IN AT LEAST TWO NEWSPAPERS
- 3 OF GENERAL CIRCULATION [approval].

Approved,

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