

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila

First Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6645]

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:*

SECTION 1. In case a vacancy arises in the Senate at least eighteen (18) months or in the House of Representatives at least one (1) year before the next regular election for Members of Congress, the Commission on Elections, upon receipt of a resolution of the Senate or the House of Representatives, as the case may be, certifying to the existence of such vacancy and calling for a special election, shall hold a special election to fill such vacancy. If Congress is in recess, an official communication on the existence of the vacancy and call for a special election by the President of the Senate or by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, shall be sufficient for such purpose. The Senator or Member of



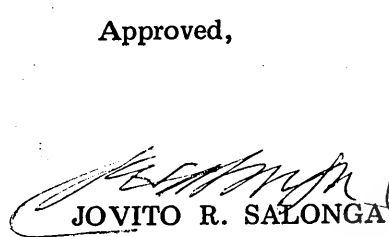
the House of Representatives thus elected shall serve only for the unexpired term.

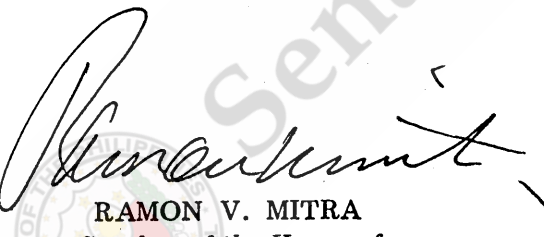
SEC. 2. The Commission on Elections shall fix the date of the special election, which shall not be earlier than forty-five (45) days nor later than ninety (90) days from the date of such resolution or communication, stating among other things the office or offices to be voted for: *Provided, however,* That if within the said period a general election is scheduled to be held, the special election shall be held simultaneously with such general election.

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

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two newspapers of general circulation.


Approved,

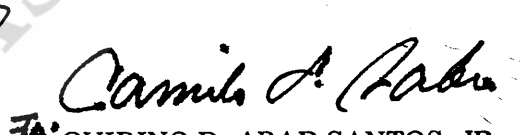

JOVITO R. SALONGA
President of the Senate


RAMON V. MITRA
Speaker of the House of
Representatives


This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the Senate and the House of

Representatives on December 17, 1987.


ERIBERTO M. BERNAL
Secretary of the Senate


QUIRINO D. ABAD SANTOS, JR.
Secretary of the House of
Representatives

Approved: December 28, 1987


CORAZON C. AQUINO
President of the Philippines