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SENATE  
S.B. NO. 1517

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Introduced by Sen. Ernesto M. Maceda  
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AN ACT  
CHANGING THE DATE OF ELECTIONS FOR THE ELECTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE  
AUTONOMOUS REGION FOR MUSLIM MINDANAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN  
ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DATE OF REGULAR ELECTIONS FOR  
REGIONAL GOVERNOR, REGIONAL VICE-GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM  
MINDANAO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7647 is hereby  
amended to read as follows;

"SECTION 1. The regular elections for regional  
governor, regional vice-governor, and members of  
the Regional Legislative Assembly for the Autono-  
mous Region in Muslim Mindanao, shall be held on  
the second Monday [after the Muslim month of  
Ramadan immediately preceding the end of the term  
of office of such officials except the second  
regular election in 1993 which shall be held on  
the 25th of March, 1993] OF SEPTEMBER NINETEEN  
HUNDRED AND NINETY SIX (1996) AND ON THE SAME DAY  
EVERY THREE YEARS THEREAFTER. THE REGIONAL  
GOVERNOR, VICE-GOVERNOR, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE  
REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY-ELECT SHALL ASSUME  
OFFICE AT TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON ON THE THIRTIETH DAY  
OF SEPTEMBER NEXT FOLLOWING THEIR ELECTION:

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Provided, that [if no candidate shall have been duly elected and qualified on March 31, 1993.] the incumbent regional governor, [and] vice-governor, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON MARCH 31, 1996 shall continue in office in a hold-over capacity until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, subject to Article VIII, Section II of Republic Act No. 6734: Provided, further, that while acting in a holdover capacity, the regional governor and vice-governor shall not disburse public funds except for personnel and administrative matters, make appointments, including promotions, transfer and/or assignments, of personnel and shall be subject to all the restrictions and/or prohibitions mandated by Section 261 of the Omnibus Election Code more particularly, but not limited to paragraphs (g); (h); (k); (m); (r); (u); (v); (w); and (x), of said section."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.

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