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BY REPRESENTATIVES BELMONTE, ADIONG, MACARAMBON, JAAFAR,
AMIN, TAMMANG, REYES, BARINAGA, TEVES AND AGUINALDO, PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1472

AN ACT FIXING THE DATE OF THE PLEBISCITE FOR THE
APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 6734 AND SETTING THE DATE OF THE REGULAR
ELECTIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE
AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO ON THE
LAST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER 2001, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO
STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE
AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734,
ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTONOMOUS
REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AS AMENDED," AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Date of the Plebiscite.* – The date of the plebiscite for
2 the approval of the amendments under Republic Act No. 9054, shall be
3 held not later than August 15, 2001.

4 SEC. 2. *First Regular Election.* – The first regular election for
5 Regional Governor, Vice-Governor and Members of the Regional

1 Legislative Assembly under Republic Act No. 9054 shall be held on
2 November 26, 2001.

3 SEC. 3. The incumbent Regional Governor, Regional Vice-
4 Governor and Members of the Regional Legislative Assembly of the
5 Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao shall continue in office pursuant
6 to existing laws and until their successors shall have been duly elected and
7 qualified.

8 SEC. 4. *Rules and Regulations.* – The Commission on Elections
9 shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to carry the purpose of
10 this Act.

11 SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, acts, decrees, executive
12 orders, administrative regulations or part thereof inconsistent with this Act,
13 and Republic Act No. 9012 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

14 SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held
15 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall be valid
16 and binding.

17 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon publication in
18 at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation, and one (1)
19 local newspaper of general circulation in the Autonomous Region in
20 Muslim Mindanao.

Approved,