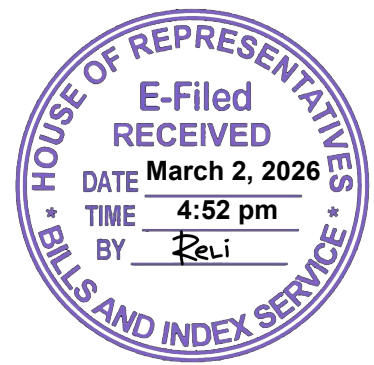


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 136

Submitted by the Committees on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms and Appropriations on
March 2, 2026

Re: House Bill No. **8220**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7236

Sponsors: Representatives Yasser Alonto Balindong, Ziaur-Rahman “Zia” Alonto Adiong, and
Mikaela Angela B. Suansing

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 7236, introduced by Representatives Ziaur-Rahman “Zia” Alonto Adiong and Yasser Alonto Balindong, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DATE OF THE FIRST REGULAR PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13, ARTICLE XVI OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO”, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **8220**,
entitled:

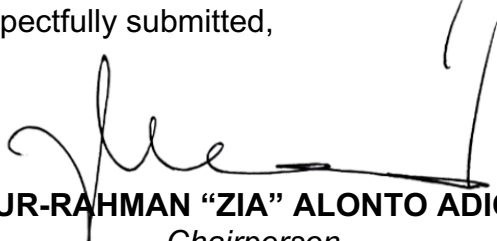
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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 7236 with Representatives Ziaur-Rahman “Zia” Alonto Adiong, Yasser Alonto Balindong, Francisco “Lalo” T. Matugas, Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Ma. Victoria Co-Pilar, Ann Matibag, Munir M. Arbison, Charisse Anne C. Hernandez, Atty. Miro S. Quimbo, Esmael G. Mangudadatu, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr., Yevgeny Vincente B. Emano, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Ernesto M. Dionisio, Jr., Gil “Kabarangay Jr” Acosta, Jose “Bong” J. Teves, Jr., Sergio C. Dagooc, Rommel Rico T. Angara, Bella Vanessa B. Suansing, JC Rahman A. Nava, MD, Romeo S. Momo, Sr., Joseph S. Tan, Loreto S. Amante,

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MIKAELA ANGELA E. SUANSING
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

Respectfully submitted,


ZIAUR-RAHMAN “ZIA” ALONTO ADIONG
Chairperson
Committee on Suffrage and Electoral
Reforms

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(In substitution of House Bill No. 7236)

Introduced by Representatives

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AN ACT

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

SECTION 1. Section 13, Article XVI of Republic Act No. 11054, as amended, otherwise known as the “Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao”, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 13. *[First] Regular Election.* – The first regular election for the Bangsamoro Government under this Organic Law shall be held **ON** [and synchronized with the 2022 national elections] **THE SECOND MONDAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026, AND EVERY THREE (3) YEARS THEREAFTER.** 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.”

SEC. 2. Holdover. – During the extension of the Transition Period, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) shall continue as the interim government in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), unless such interim members are

1 replaced by the President, or their tenure is shortened by their election to a different office,
2 or by other causes. The interim members of the BTA shall serve until their successors shall
3 have been elected and qualified in an automated election.
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5 **SEC. 3. Use of Automated Election System.** – Pursuant to this Act, the automated election
6 system that was employed during the May 12, 2025 National and Local Elections shall
7 likewise be employed for the conduct of the first BARMM Parliamentary Election. This
8 includes all machines, devices, and equipment used, as well as the respective suppliers and
9 providers involved in their operation and maintenance.
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11 The adoption of the same automated election system aims to ensure consistency, efficiency,
12 and integrity in the electoral process for the BARMM Parliamentary Election: *Provided*, That
13 in case the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall determine that the adoption of an
14 automated election system is no longer practicable based on the surrounding circumstances
15 prior to the BARMM Parliamentary Election, it shall have the authority to explore other modes
16 of conducting the election such as manual election.
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18 **SEC. 4. Filing of Certificates of Candidacy.** – There shall be a new period for the filing of
19 certificate of candidacy for parliamentary district representative, and list of nominees and
20 certificate of acceptance of nomination with affidavit of non-affinity of duly accredited political
21 parties or coalitions thereof: *Provided*, That those filed from November 4 to 9, 2024 must be
22 refiled within the new period set: *Provided, further*, That the COMELEC shall have the
23 authority to issue appropriate rules and guidelines therefor: *Provided, finally*, That substitution
24 of candidates or nominees shall not be allowed, except in cases of death or disqualification,
25 pursuant to the rules and guidelines promulgated by the COMELEC.
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27 **SEC. 5. Qualified Voters.** – All qualified voters, who have been registered in the permanent
28 list in a precinct of the city or municipality within the BARMM based on the latest Election
29 Registration Board hearing shall be entitled to vote in the BARMM Parliamentary Election.
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31 **SEC. 6. Assumption of Office.** – For purposes of the first BARMM Parliamentary Election,
32 the elected officials shall assume office on December 01, 2026. In the succeeding elections,
33 the elected officials shall assume office thirty (30) days next following the date of their
34 election.
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36 **SEC. 7. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be
37 charged against any available appropriations of the COMELEC.
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39 The BARMM Government may provide additional funding, as may be necessary, chargeable
40 against its local funds, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules and
41 regulations.
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43 **SEC. 8. Separability Clause.** – If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional
44 or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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46 **SEC. 9. Repealing Clause.** – Republic Act No. 12123 is hereby repealed. All other laws,
47 presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, other issuances and parts
48 thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
49 accordingly.
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1 **SEC. 10. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
2 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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4 *Approved,*

House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. **8220**

(In substitution of House Bill No. 7236)

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Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS
(Primary)**

Committee Chairperson: **REP. ZIAUR-RAHMAN “ZIA” ALONTO ADIONG**

Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS (Secondary)**

Committee Chairperson: **REP. MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING**

OBJECTIVE:

- To address the constitutional and statutory gap created by the previously enacted redistricting law that was rendered invalid by the Supreme Court

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Resets the regular parliamentary elections in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to the second Monday of September 2026, and every three years thereafter;

- Provides for the continued exercise of authority by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority during the extended transition period; and
- Ensures continuity in the use of the automated election system, clarify voter eligibility, and sets assumption of office of elected officials.

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 11054, also known as “ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO”;
- Republic Act No. 11593, also known as “AN ACT RESETTING THE FIRST REGULAR ELECTIONS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, SECTION 13, ARTICLE XVI OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO ”;
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