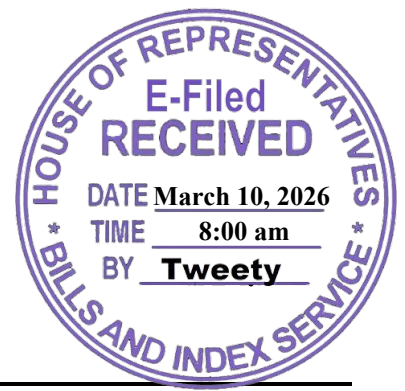


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 144

Submitted by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms on March 10, 2026.

Re: House Bill No. 8392

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 102, 3101, and 3102

Sponsors: Representatives JC M. Abalos and Ziaur-Rahman "Zia" Alonto Adiong

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, to which were referred House Bill No. 102, introduced by Representative JC M. Abalos, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING NATIONAL ELECTION DAY AS A REGULAR NON-WORKING HOLIDAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7, BOOK I OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987"";

House Bill No. 3101, introduced by Representative Arnie B. Fuentesbella, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE NATIONAL ELECTION DAY AS A REGULAR NON-WORKING HOLIDAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

and House Bill No. 3102, introduced by Representative Arnie B. Fuentesbella, entitled:

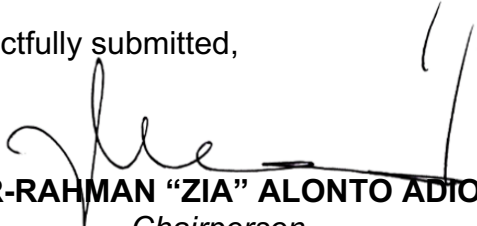
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has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 8392,
entitled:

**“AN ACT DECLARING NATIONAL ELECTION DAY AS REGULAR NON-
WORKING HOLIDAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26,
CHAPTER 7, BOOK I OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS “THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987”**

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 102, 3101, and 3102 with Representatives JC M. Abalos, Arnie B. Fuentebella, Noel “Bong” N. Rivera, Javier Miguel Lopez Benitez, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr., Esmael G. Mangudadatu, and Ziaur-Rahman “Zia” Alonto Adiong as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8392
(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 102, 3101, and 3102)

Introduced by Representatives JC M. Abalos, Arnie B. Fuentebella, Noel “Bong” N. Rivera, Javier Miguel Lopez Benitez, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr., Esmael G. Mangudadatu, and Ziaur-Rahman “Zia” Alonto Adiong

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared that every national election shall be a regular non-working holiday to incentivize the electorate who exercise their democratic right of suffrage.

SEC. 2. The term “national election” shall include activities such as plebiscites, referenda, people's initiatives, recall elections, special elections, other processes of voting of a similar nature which are national in scope.

SEC. 3. Section 26, Chapter 7, Book I of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as "The Administrative Code of 1987", as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 26. Regular Holidays and Nationwide Special Days. – (1)
Unless otherwise modified by law, order, or proclamation, the following regular holidays and special days shall be observed in the country:

"(A) Regular Holidays

New Year's Day	January 1
Maundy Thursday	Movable Date

Good Friday	Movable Date
Eidul Fitr	Movable Date
Eidul Adha	Movable Date
Araw ng Kagitingan (Bataan and Corregidor Day)	Monday nearest April 9
Labor Day	Monday nearest May 1
NATIONAL ELECTION DAY	DAY DESIGNATED BY LAW FOR THE HOLDING OF A NATIONAL ELECTION
Independence Day	Monday nearest June 12
National Heroes Day	Last Monday of August
Bonifacio Day	Monday nearest November 30
Christmas Day	December 25
Rizal Day	Monday nearest December 30

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3 **SEC. 4.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and
4 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
5 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

6 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
7 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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9 Approved,

House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

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*Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS***
*Committee Chairperson: **ZIAUR-RAHMAN “ZIA” ALONTO ADIONG***

OBJECTIVE:

- To allow maximum participation of the electorate in national elections

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Declares national election as regular non-working day in the country
- Defines national election as involving electoral activities such as plebiscites, referenda, people’s initiative, recall elections, special elections, and other processes of voting of a similar nature and are national in scope as regular holidays

RELATED LAW:

- Section 26, Chapter 7, Book I of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as “The Administrative Code of 1987”