



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9597

BY REPRESENTATIVES MASTURA, MANGUDADATU, ALANO AND ISMULA

AN ACT

INCLUDING A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BALIK-ISLAM COMMUNITY IN THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 5, ARTICLE I OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9997, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS ACT OF 2009"

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

SECTION 1. Article I, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9997 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. *Composition of the Commission.* – The Commission shall be composed of nine (9) full-time members who are Muslim Filipinos and shall be headed by a Secretary: *Provided*, That one (1) of the Commissioners shall come from the women sector, one (1) from the youth sector, [and another Commissioner shall come] **ONE (1) from the Ulama sector, AND ONE (1) FROM THE BALIK-ISLAM SECTOR:** *Provided, further*, That not more than two (2) Commissioners shall come from the same Muslim Filipino tribe at any given time, to ensure a more equitable representation in the Commission. The President shall appoint the regular members of the Commission. The Commissioners shall be academic degree holders and must speak and write fluently the English and/or Arabic languages. They shall be individuals who possess the highest degree of integrity and have the endorsement of their respective tribes or sectors.

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1 **SEC. 2.** If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other
2 provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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4 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

5 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
6 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,