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Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT
Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City



FOURTH REGULAR SESSION

BANGSAMORO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 88

Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Thursday, the 15th day of September 2022.

**AN ACT AMENDING BANGSAMORO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 35, ENTITLED
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BANGSAMORO ELECTORAL CODE OF
THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO”**

Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled:

ARTICLE III

REGIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE BANGSAMORO

SECTION 1. Section 1, Article III of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. Establishment of Regional Political Parties. – Regional political parties in the Bangsamoro, hereinafter referred to as “parties” or “party,” shall be established by at least five thousand (5,000) members who are residents and registered voters therein. The members shall be distributed throughout the majority of the provinces and cities composing the Bangsamoro territory: Provided, That all parties establish provincial and city chapters in all provinces and cities, and municipal chapters in the majority of the municipalities comprising the provinces in the Bangsamoro. Provided, further, That a provincial chapter is required to have municipal chapters in the majority of the municipalities in that province.”

SEC. 2. Subsection (c), Section 4, Article III of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 4. Requirements for Registration of Regional Political Parties. – A party must submit the following:

“a. x x x;

“b. x x x;

“c. A notarized list of at least five thousand (5,000) members of the party, wherein they manifest their collective decision to register the party by affixing their names, signatures, and other pertinent details as determined by the COMELEC;

“d. x x x;

“e. x x x;

“f. x x x;

“g. x x x;

“h. x x x;

“i. x x x;

“j. x x x;”

SEC. 3. Paragraph (b), Section 9, Article III of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 is hereby retained to read as follows:

“SEC. 9. Nomination of Candidates; Limitations and Sanctions. –

“a. x x x;

“b. Regional political parties shall ensure that at least thirty percent (30%) of the party nominees are women. As far as practicable, such regional parties shall ensure that at least one (1) in every three (3) party nominees is a woman;

“c. x x x;

“d. x x x;

“e. x x x;”

ARTICLE IV ELECTIVE POSITIONS IN THE PARLIAMENT

A. Party Representatives

SEC. 4. Section 9, Article IV (A) of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 9. Party Representatives. – Party representatives are members of registered regional political parties that receive at least two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the total valid votes cast for the party system election.

x x x.”

SEC. 5. Section 12, Article IV (A) of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 12. Manner of Allocation of the Party Representation Seats. –

“a. Only parties receiving at least two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the total valid votes cast for the party representation election shall be qualified to participate in the allocation of party representation seats.

“b. x x x;

“c. x x x.”

C. Sectoral Representatives

SEC. 6. Process of Certification. –

- a) Sectoral organizations and sectoral wings of political parties shall submit to the appropriate certifying ministries and offices the following:
 - 1. A verified petition for the certification of the sectoral organization or sectoral wing of a political party, signed by its head or any duly authorized representative;
 - 2. A verified list of its members and officers affixing their names, signatures, and other pertinent details as determined by the appropriate certifying ministries and offices;
 - 3. Its constitution and by-laws;
 - 4. Its platform, policies, principles and legislative agenda for its sector; and
 - 5. Such other requirements as the appropriate certifying ministry and office may require.
- b) Upon receipt of the application for certification, the appropriate certifying ministry and office shall immediately determine the completeness of the submitted application. An incomplete submission shall be subject to outright denial of the application without prejudice to refiling;
- c) Upon determination of the completeness of the application, the appropriate certifying ministry and office shall act on the application within a non-extendible period of fifteen (15) days from receipt of the application for certification;
- d) The appropriate certifying ministry and office shall issue the certification upon the lapse of the fifteen (15)-day evaluation period, unless a justifiable cause exists to warrant a denial of the application. No certifying ministry and office shall deny an application without notifying the concerned sectoral organization or sectoral wing of a political party, specifying the just cause or legal ground for such denial; and
- e) Failure to act within the prescribed period shall be a ground for disciplinary action against the erring official.

The appropriate certifying ministry and office shall issue its own internal rules covering motion for reconsideration, appeals, revocation, and such other rules that it may deem necessary. *Provided*, That such rules shall not affect the incumbency of a sectoral representative duly elected in the immediately preceding parliamentary election.

SEC. 7. *Revocation of Issued Certification and Issuance of New Certification for Sectoral Organizations.* – All certifications issued by the appropriate certifying ministries, offices, and agencies to sectoral organizations and sectoral wings of political parties are hereby revoked and cancelled. A new certification process shall be undertaken by the sectoral organizations and sectoral wings of political parties pursuant to these amendments.

SEC. 8. Section 17, Article IV (C) of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 17. Manner of Election of Sectoral Representatives. – Except for the Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples, which shall be elected by their sectoral assembly, other sectoral representatives shall be elected through direct plurality of valid votes cast for the representative sectors.

The candidates for sectoral representatives shall be members of a regional political party, or a sectoral party or organization, duly accredited by the COMELEC, after having been certified by the appropriate ministry, office, or agency on the basis of their track record in their advocacy for the respective sectoral concern.

The election of sectoral representatives shall commence in the first BARMM Parliamentary Election determined by the Philippine Congress.”

SEC. 9. *Mode of Candidacy for Other Sectors.* – Candidates for other sectors shall be fielded by organizations duly accredited by the Bangsamoro Registration and Accreditation Committee (BRAC). Only one candidate per accredited organization shall be allowed.

SEC. 10. Section 31, Article IV (E) of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 is hereby repealed.

SEC. 11. Section 32, Article IV (E) of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 is hereby repealed.

SEC. 12. Section 33, Article IV (F) of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 is hereby repealed.

SEC. 13. Section 34, Article IV (F) of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 is hereby repealed.

SEC. 14. Section 35, Article IV (F) of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 is hereby repealed.

ARTICLE X TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

SEC. 15. Section 1, Article X of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. Manner of Election of Sectoral Representatives in the First Parliamentary Election. – The election of the sectoral representatives, except the NMIPs, shall be synchronized with the first Parliamentary Elections and automated in accordance with the automated election system.”

SEC. 16. Section 3, Article X of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 35 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 3. Effect of Filing of Certificate of Candidacy; Incumbent Members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority. – The incumbent appointed members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA), whose positions are elective by nature, are not deemed ipso facto resigned upon the filing of their Certificate of Candidacy (COC) for the first BARMM Parliamentary Election. Those Members of the Parliament who are designated to positions in the Cabinet and other executive offices are likewise not deemed resigned for the same reason.”

SEC. 17. Registration and Accreditation of Political Parties and Coalitions. – All existing political parties or organizations, including coalitions of political parties, intending to participate in the first Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Parliamentary Election shall register and seek new accreditation with the COMELEC through BRAC under the new eligibility requirements set forth in this Code. Failure to secure accreditation under the new law shall bar a party from participating in the electoral process.

The COMELEC shall provide a period of not more than sixty (60) days for the compliance of all existing political parties or organizations following the promulgation of the implementing rules and regulations for this provision.

SEC. 18. Appropriations. – The amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos (PHP500,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated to augment the funds of the COMELEC for purposes of the conduct of the first BARMM Parliamentary Election and the implementation of this Act, and shall be funded from any readily available sources of funds of the Bangsamoro Government.

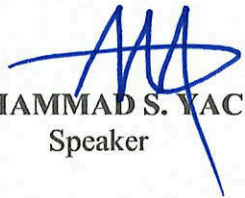
The fund shall be immediately released upon the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 19. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The COMELEC shall, within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 20. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder shall not be affected thereby and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

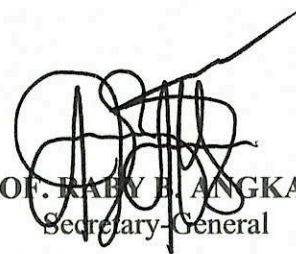
SEC. 21. Repealing Clause. – All regional laws, executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 22. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of regional circulation.



MOHAMMAD S. YACOB
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament on *Sha'ban* 09, 1447/January 28, 2026.



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Approved:



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