

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9333, September 21, 2004 ]**

**AN ACT FIXING THE DATE OF REGULAR ELECTIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO PURSUANT TO 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 AN ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO', AS AMENDED"**

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

SECTION 1. *Date of Election.* - The regular election for Regional Governor, Regional Vice Governor and Members of the Regional Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) shall be held on the second Monday of August 2005. Succeeding regular elections shall be held on the same date every three years thereafter.

SEC. 2. *Term of Office.* - The term of office of the Regional Governor, Regional Vice Governor and Members of the Regional Legislative Assembly of the ARMM shall be for a period of three years, which shall commence at noon on the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of September 2005 and shall end at noon of the same date three years thereafter.

SEC. 3. *Hold-over.* - All incumbent elective officials of the ARMM elected in the first regular election under Republic Act No. 9054 and Republic Act No. 9140 shall hold office, in a hold-over capacity, until noon of the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of September 2005 or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

SEC. 4. *Rules and Regulations.* - The Commission on Elections shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect immediately upon the completion of its publication in at least one newspaper of general circulation.  
Approved,

**(Sgd.) FRANKLIN M. DRILON**  
*President of the Senate*

**(Sgd.) JOSE DE VENECIA JR.**  
*Speaker of the House of*