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[REPUBLIC ACT No. 6636]

AN ACT RESETTING THE LOCAL ELECTIONS FROM NOVEMBER 9, 1987 TO JANUARY 18, 1988, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Election of local officials.—There shall be elections for provincial governors, provincial vice-governors, city and municipal mayors, city and municipal vice-mayors, and members of each Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Sangguniang Panglungsod, and Sangguniang Bayan, including all members of the city or municipal boards or councils in the Metropolitan Manila area to be held on Monday, January 18, 1988. Certificates of candidacy for the aforesaid local elective positions shall be filed not later than sixty (60) days prior to the said elections.

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All local officials, whether elected, acting or officers-incharge, shall be deemed automatically resigned from their positions effective upon the filing of their certificates of candidacy for any local position which shall not be later than forty-five (45) days prior to the said elections. If the governor or the city or municipal mayor or the officer-in-charge of that office is a candidate, and unless the Secretary of Local Government designates another person, the following local officials shall act as officer-in-charge of the position vacated in a concurrent capacity in the order hereinbelow provided:

- "a) Chief, Senior and Local Government Officers for provinces, cities and municipalities, respectively;
- "b) Provincial/City/Municipal Administrator;
- "c) Provincial/City/Municipal Health Officer.

"In case of vacancies in the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Sangguniang Panglunsod, or Sangguniang Bayan on account of the candidacies of their members, the Secretary of Local Government shall designate acting members from qualified voters in the province, city or municipality to fill such vacancies."

SEC. 2. Metro Manila Area.—For purposes of the Local Elections on January 18, 1988, the City of Manila, Quezon City and the City of Caloocan shall have six (6) councilors for each of their representative districts who shall be residents thereof to be elected by the qualified voters therein. The City of Pasay and the Municipalities of Makati, Parañaque, Pasig, Marikina, and Valenzuela, each of which comprises a representative district, shall have twelve (12) councilors each to be elected at large by the qualified voters of the said city or municipality. All the other municipalities within the Metropolitan Manila area shall have ten (10) councilors each, with the exception of the Municipality of Pateros which shall have eight (8) councilors, to be elected at large by their respective qualified voters.

SEC. 3. Other Cities.—The provision of any law to the contrary notwithstanding, the City of Cebu, City of Davao, and any other city with more than one representative district shall have eight (8) councilors for each district who shall be residents thereof to be elected by the qualified voters therein, provided that the Cities of Cagayan de Oro, Zamboanga, Bacolod, Iloilo and other cities comprising a representative district shall have twelve (12) councilors each and all other cities shall have ten (10) councilors each to be elected at large by the qualified voters of the said cities: Provided, That in no case shall the present number of councilors according to their charters be reduced.

SEC. 4. Provinces and Municipalities.—First and second class provinces shall each have ten (10) elective members; third and fourth class provinces, eight; and fifth and sixth class provinces, six to be elected at large by the qualified voters therein.

All other municipalities shall have the same number of elective members as provided in existing laws.

SEC. 5. Term.—Local officials duly elected shall assume office at noon on the second day of February 1988 and shall serve until noon of June 30, 1992.

If no candidate has been elected and qualified to assume office on the aforementioned date and time, the officer-incharge shall continue to hold office until the duly elected officer has qualified.

SEC. 6. Section 2 of Executive Order No. 270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. Election and Campaign Periods.—The election period shall be from November 19, 1987 to February 17, 1988 and the campaign period shall be forty-five (45) days commencing on December 1, 1987 and ending on January 17, 1988: Provided, however, That the holding of public meetings, caucuses, distribution and use of campaign propaganda, and all other forms of campaigning

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are prohibited on December 25 and December 30, 1987, as well as on January 1, 1988.

SEC. 7. Section 4 of Executive Order No. 270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. Special Registration of Voters.—There shall be special registration on Saturday, November 23, 1987 for voters who will reach the age of eighteen (18) on January 18, 1988 or those who failed to register in the general registration of voters last December 1986 or in the special registration before the elections for Members of Congress on May 11, 1987: Provided, That the Commission may order a general re-registration of all voters on such dates it may set in certain provinces, cities or municipalities, where it deems it necessary to eliminate rampant illegal registration of voters and thereby ensure the holding of free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections."

SEC. 8. Section 6 of Executive Order No. 270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 6. Appropriations.—The amount of two hundred twenty million (P220,000,000) pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the holding of the local elections, is hereby set aside out of the annual budget and savings of the Commission on Elections, which shall be released automatically by the Department of Budget and Management upon request of the Chairman of the Commission on Elections, based on the approved special budget. In case of deficiencies, the funds herein provided shall be augmented from the contingent fund or any other applicable appropriations authorized in the current General Appropriations Act, which shall likewise be released automatically upon similar request of the Chairman of the Commission on Elections."

SEC. 9. Separability Clause.—If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Act shall be held

to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. Effectivity Clause.—This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

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ANTONIO V. CUENCO
Acting Speaker of the
House of Representatives

JOVITO R. SALONGA President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

This Act which is a consolidation of Senate Bill No. 92 and House Bill No. 1947 was finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on October 23, 1987 and October 22, 1987, respectively.

QUIRINO D. ABAD SANTOS, JR. Secretary of the House of

Representatives

Approved: November 6, 1987

CORAZON C. AQUINO
President of the Philippines

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