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INTRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6

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:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 270 is 2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 1. Election of local officials.—There shall be
4 elections for provincial governors, provincial vice-gover5 nors, city and municipal mayors, city and municipal vice6 mayors, and members of each Sangguniang Panlalawigan,
7 Sangguniang Panglungsod, and Sangguniang Pambayan,
8 including all members of the city or municipal BOARDS OR
9 councils in the Metropolitan Manila area to be held on
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Monday, JANUARY 18, 1988 [November 9, 1987]; Provided. 1 That all local officials, whether elected, acting or officer-2 in-charge, shall be deemed automatically resigned from 3 their positions effective upon the filing of their certificates 4 of candidacy for any local position which shall not be later 5 than FORTY-FIVE (45) [thirty (30)] days prior to the said 6 elections. If the governor or the city or municipal mayor 7 OR THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THAT OFFICE is a candidate 8 but the vice-governor or the city or municipal vice-mayor 9 is not a candidate in said elections, then the latter shall 10 become the acting governor or mayor, as the case may be, 11 until the election and assumption of office of the duly 12 elected governor or mayor. If both the governor and the 13 vice-governor or both the mayor and vice-mayor are can-14 didates, an acting officer-in-charge to the position vacated 15 shall be designated IN CONCURRENT CAPACITY by the SECRE-16 TARY [Department] of Local Government from the follow-17 ing local officials: 18

19 a) Provincial/City/Municipal Administrator

b) Provincial/City/Municipal Planning and Development
Coordinator

c) Provincial/City/Municipal Secretary in the absence of
the Administrator and Coordinator OR THEIR FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENTS.

1 "IN CASE OF VACANCIES IN THE SANGGUNIANG PANLA-2 LAWIGAN, SANGGUNIANG PANGLUNSOD, OR SANGGUNIANG 3 PAMBAYAN ON ACCOUNT OF THE CANDIDACIES, OF THEIR 4 MEMBERS, THE SECRETARY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL 5 DESIGNATE ACTING MEMBERS FROM QUALIFIED VOTERS IN THE 6 PROVINCE, CITY OR MUNICIPALITY TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES. 7 "Local officials duly elected shall assume office on the first day of December 1987." 8

SEC. 2. Metro Manila Area.-For purposes of the Local 9 Elections on January 18, 1988, the City of Manila, Quezon 10 City and the City of Caloocan shall have six (6) coun-11 cilors for each of their representative districts to be 12 elected by the qualified voters therein. The City of Pasay 13 and the Municipalities of Makati, Parañaque, Pasig, Ma-14 rikina, and Valenzuela, each of which comprises a repre-15 sentative district, shall have twelve (12) councilors each 16 to be elected at large by the qualified voters of the said 17 city or municipality. All the other municipalities within 18 the Metropolitan Manila area shall have ten (10) coun-19 cilors each, with the exception of the Municipality of 20 21 Pateros which shall have eight (8) councilors, to be elected at large by their respective qualified voters. 22

SEC. 3. The provision of any law to the contrary notwithstanding, the City of Cebu, City of Davao, and any
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other city with more than one representative district 1 shall have six (6) councilors for each district to be elected 2 3 by the qualified voters therein, provided that the City of Cagayan de Oro and other cities comprising a repre-4 sentative district shall have ten (10) councilors each to 5 be elected at large by the qualified voters of the said cities. 6 SEC. 4. Local officials duly elected shall assume office 7 on the second day of February 1988 and shall serve 8 9 until noon of June 30, 1992.

10 SEC. 5. Section 2 of Executive Order No. 270 is hereby 11 amended to read as follows:

12 mended and designated by the Commission on Elections] 13 The election period shall be from NOVEMBER 19, 1987 [Sep-14 tember 10, 1987] to FEBRUARY 17, 1988 [December 9, 15 1987]; and the campaign period shall be FORTY (40) 16 [thirty (30)] days commencing on DECEMBER 3, 1987 17 [October 10, 1987] and ending on JANUARY 17, 1988 18 [November 8, 1987] FOR PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNIC-19 IPAL ELECTIVE OFFICERS: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE 20 HOLDING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS, CAUCUSES, DISTRIBUTION AND 21 USE OF CAMPAIGN PROPAGANDA, AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF 22 CAMPAIGNING ARE PROHIBITED ON DECEMBER 24, DECEMBER 23 25, DECEMBER 30, AND DECEMBER 31, 1987 AS WELL AS. ON 24 25 JANUARY 1, 1988.

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SEC. 6. Section 4 of Executive Order No. 270 is hereby
 amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 4. Special Registration of Voters.—There shall 4 be special registration on Saturday, NOVEMBER 28 [September 26], 1987 for voters who will reach the age of 5 6 eighteen (18) on JANUARY 18, 1988 [November 9, 1987], 7 or those who failed to register in the general registration 8 of voters last December 1986 or in the special registration 9 before the elections for Members of Congress on May 11, 1987, Provided, That the Commission may order a general 10 11 re-registration of all voters on such dates it may set in certain provinces, cities, or municipalities, where it deems 12 necessary to eliminate rampant illegal registration of 13 voters and thereby ensure the holding of free, orderly, 14 honest, peaceful and credible elections." 15

16 SEC. 7. Section 6 of Executive Order No. 270 is hereby17 amended to read as follows:

18 "SEC. 6. Appropriations.—The amount of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY MILLION (P220,000,000.00) [two hundred million 19 (P200,000,000.00)] pesos, or so much thereof as may be 20 21 necessary for the holding of the local elections, is hereby set aside out of the annual budget and savings of the 22 23 Commission on Elections, AS WELL AS THE CONTINGENT 24 FUND OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHOR-IZED IN THE CURRENT GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, which 25 030646

shall be released automatically by the Department of 1 Budget and Management upon request of the Chairman 2 of the Commission on Elections, based on the approved 3 special budget. **F**In case of deficiencies, the funds herein 4 provided shall be augmented from the contingent fund or 5 any other applicable appropriations authorized in the Cur-6 rent General Appropriations Act, which shall likewise be 7 released automatically upon similar request of the Chair-8 man of the Commission on Elections.]" 9

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 10 enate Aich Approved,