





Members of the Regional Assembly under this Organic Act shall be held not earlier than sixty (60) days or later than ninety (90) days after the ratification of this Act. The Commission on Elections shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the conduct of said election.

SEC. 8 Within one (1) year from its organization, the Regional Assembly shall, by law, create a Code Commission on Muslim Laws and a Code Commission on Tribal Laws which shall not exceed three (3) members per commission, and shall define their powers and functions.

The Code Commissions shall codify tribal laws and Islamic laws and jurisprudence within three (3) years from their creation and submit the same to the Regional Assembly for enactment into law.

SEC. 9 The sum of Fifteen million pesos (P15,000,000.00) which shall be charged against the Contingent Fund, is hereby appropriated for the initial organizational requirements of the Regional Government, and funding for any deficiency shall be taken from savings of the National Government: *Provided*, That five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) thereof shall be allotted to the Commission on Elections to undertake an information campaign on this Organic Act: *Provided, further*, That the Commission on Elections shall determine the manner of campaigning and the deputization of government agencies for the purpose: *Provided, finally*, That the Commission on Elections shall adopt measures that will ensure an impartial information campaign.

SEC. 10 The National Government shall, in addition to its regular annual allotment to the Autonomous Region, provide the Regional Government Two billion pesos (P2,000,000,000.00) as annual assistance for five (5) years, to fund infrastructure projects duly identified, endorsed and approved by the Regional Planning and Development Board herein created: *Provided*, however, That the annual assistance herein mentioned shall be appropriated and disbursed through a Public Works Act duly enacted by the Regional Assembly: *Provided, further*, that this annual assistance herein adjusted proportionately in accordance with the number of provinces and cities comprising the Autonomous Region; and *Provided, finally*, That the national programs and projects in the Autonomous Region shall continue to be financed out of national funds.

SEC. 11 The provisions of this Organic Act are hereby declared to be separate and in the event one or more of such provisions are held unconstitutional, the validity of other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 12, All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and all other issuances, or parts thereof, which are in consistent with this Organic Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 13. The creation of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast by the constituent units provided in paragraph (2) of Sec. 1 of Article II of this Act in a plebiscite which shall be held not earlier than ninety (90) days or later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act: *Provided*, That only the provinces and cities voting favorably in such plebiscite shall be included in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. The provinces and cities which in the plebiscite do not vote for inclusion in the Autonomous Region shall remain in the existing administrative regions: *Provided, however*, That the President may, by administrative determination, merge the existing regions.

SEC. 14. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the Autonomous Region.

Approved,

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7/13/89

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This Act which is a consolidation of House Bill No. 22929 and Senate Bill No. 907 was finally passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate on June 8, 1989.

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