

[BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 20, March 23, 1979]

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG PAMPOOK IN EACH OF REGIONS NINE AND
TWELVE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

Be it enacted by the Batasang Pambansa in session assembled:

SECTION 1. *Call of Election.*—The election of representatives to the Sangguniang Pampook of Regions Nine and Twelve shall be held on a date to be fixed by the President (Prime Minister), taking into primary consideration the peace and order situation in the area to ensure free, orderly and honest elections.

SEC. 2. *Election and Campaign Period.*—The election period shall be fixed by the Commission on Elections in accordance with Section 6, Article XII, paragraph (c) of the Constitution. The period of campaign shall be fixed by the President (Prime Minister) but shall not be more than forty-five days immediately preceding the election, excluding the day before and the day of the election.

SEC. 3. *Certificate of Candidacy.*—The provision of the 1978 Election Code on the filing of certificates of candidacy shall be applicable to the election herein contemplated. The date for the filing of certificates of candidacy shall likewise be determined by the President (Prime Minister).

SEC. 4. *The Sangguniang Pampook.*—The Sangguniang Pampook in each region which is composed of twenty-one members, shall include seventeen representatives elected from the different provinces and component cities in each region, as follows:

Region IX—The provinces of Basilan, one representative; Sulu, three representatives; Tawi-tawi, one representative; Zamboanga del Norte including the Cities of Dipolog and Dapitan, four representatives; Zamboanga del Sur including the Cities of Pagadian and Zamboanga, eight representatives ;

Region XII—The provinces of Lanao del Norte including the City of Iligan, three representatives; Lanao del Sur including the City of Marawi, four representatives; Maguindanao including the City of Cotabato, four representatives; North Cotabato, four representatives; and Sultan Kudarat, two representatives;

and a sectoral representative each from among the youth, agricultural workers, non-agricultural workers and professionals of the region.

The President shall appoint an additional five representatives whenever in his judgment any other sector is not properly represented in the Sangguniang Pampook as a result of the elections.

Candidates for the position of the seventeen representatives to the Sangguniang Pampook shall be voted at large by the registered voters of their respective regions. The candidates from each province and its component cities corresponding to the number of representatives allocated under this Section, receiving the highest number of votes in the respective region, shall be declared elected.