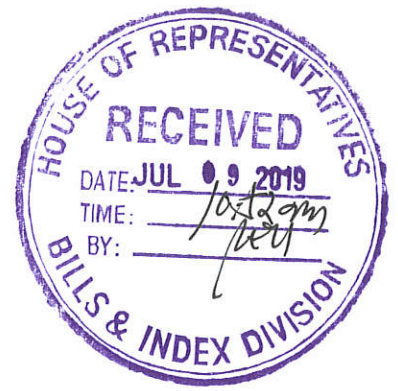


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Capital relocation has been a notable act among countries in order to encourage development in a seemingly underdeveloped region. A window into this is Brasilia which experienced rapid growth after its establishment as Brazil's capital. Brazil's capital change from Rio de Janeiro to Brasilia in 1961 was considered very successful, and many countries have been inspired by Brazil's capital relocation achievement.

Since 1976, Manila has been the national capital of the Philippines. It is also considered as the seat of the national government of the Philippines yet, many government agencies still sit outside the said city. To better administer government transactions as well as spur development in other areas of the country, it is high time to review whether Manila shall be retained as the capital and the seat of the national government.

It is therefore imperative for Congress to create a Commission to comprehensively study the potential capital relocation and transfer of the permanent seat of the national government of the from Manila.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this Act is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

CONSTITUTING A COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING THE
FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF RELOCATING THE NATIONAL
CAPITAL AND SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR
OTHER RELEVANT PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Organization.***- The National Capital Commission, hereinafter referred
2 to as the “Commission”, is hereby created and constituted in order to study possibility and
3 feasibility of the relocation of the national capital and the transfer of the permanent seat of the
4 government of the Philippines.

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6 **SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.*** – As used in this Act, the following terms shall be
7 construed as follows:

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9 a. *National Capital* – The capital city of a nation.

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11 b. *Seat of Government* – encompasses the three (3) main branches of the national
12 government including its administrative departments, central offices and
13 instrumentalities of the national government.

14 **SEC. 3. *Composition.***- The Commission shall be composed of the chairman and two
15 (2) commissioners to be appointed by the President of the Republic. The chairman and
16 commissioners shall have the rank of cabinet secretaries and undersecretaries, respectively,
17 with the following qualifications:

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19 A. Filipino;

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21 B. At least thirty five (35) years of age;

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23 C. With relevant educational qualification, training and experience in city and/or
24 urban planning, design and/or community development and/or other relevant
25 fields.
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1 **SEC. 4. *Temporary Detail of Public Officials and Employees.*** – The President, upon
2 request and recommendation of the Commission, may temporarily detail to the commission
3 such public officers and/or personnel from other departments or agencies which may be
4 required by the Commission. The detailed officers or personnel may be paid honoraria and/or
5 allowance as may be authorized by law, subject to pertinent accounting and auditing rules
6 and regulations.

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8 **SEC. 5. *Mandate.*** It shall be the mandate of the Commission to study and
9 recommend possibility and feasibility of the transfer or non-transfer of the national capital
10 and permanent seat of the government of the Philippines.

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12 In the event that the Commission finds the transfer to be feasible, it shall also identify
13 and recommend prospective relocation/transfer sites, and the process through which such
14 relocation and/or transfer can be reasonably carried out.

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16 In case of a recommendation not to transfer the national capital and seat of
17 government of the Republic, the Commission shall also submit its recommendations on how
18 to best improve the existing state of affairs in the City of Manila and the National Capital
19 Region (NCR), with the end in view of promoting more effective and efficient government
20 service, and enabling the City of Manila and the NCR to meet the challenge of serving as
21 national capital and seat of government in the decades to come.

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23 **SEC. 6. *Secretariat and Technical Committee.***– The Commission shall organize its
24 Secretariat which shall provide administrative and technical support to the Commission. The
25 Commission and its Secretariat shall hold office at such venue as the Commission may deem
26 appropriate.

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28 The Commission is hereby authorized to create technical committees and designate
29 members thereof, and may engage the assistance of experts and professional consultants and
30 advisors, subject to government existing rules and regulations.

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32 **SEC. 7. *Organization and Term of Office.***– The organization of the Commission, its
33 committees and sub-offices, as well as the appointment of the members thereof shall be
34 completed within six (6) months from the approval of this Act.

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36 The Commission shall complete its work not later than three (3) years from the date
37 of approval of this Act, and shall submit to the President of the Philippines, a report of the
38 work undertaken by it together with its corresponding recommendations.

39 **SEC. 8. *Termination.*** – Upon completion of its work and the submission of its report,
40 the Commission shall cease to exist and the services of the Commissioners and members of
41 the Secretariat and Technical Committee shall terminate. The temporary detail of officers or
42 personnel coming from other government department and agencies shall be co-terminous
43 herewith.

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45 **SEC. 9. *Appropriation.***– The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this
46 act shall be included by the Department of Budget and Management in the annual General
47 Appropriations Act (GAA).

1 **SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** All previous issuances inconsistent with the provisions
2 of this order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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4 **SEC. 11. *Effectivity.*** This order shall take effect upon its publication in the *Official*
5 *Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,