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Introduced by SENATOR FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE MANDATORY REVIEW OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A MORE RESPONSIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, a 23 year old law, embodies provisions on participative governance at the local level, under the principles of decentralization and local autonomy;

WHEREAS, since its enactment, only a number of amendments to the said Code were introduced and approved, but there are still numerous provisions therein that should be amended in order to address the challenges to local governance;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code under Section 521 thereof provides: "Congress shall undertake a mandatory review of this Code at least once every five (5) years and as often as it may deem necessary, with the primary objective of providing a more responsive and accountable local government structure."

WHEREAS, it is vital to undertake this important legislative task in introducing into this significant piece of legislation the necessary amendments so it can effectively respond to the evolving issues involving local administration;

WHEREAS, the Senate Committee on Local Government has conducted exhaustive deliberations on various legislative proposals which seek to amend different provisions of the Code. It is therefore appropriate to make this task more inclusive by mandating the Committee to be at the frontline in thoroughly assessing and scrutinizing the Code to make it more relevant and contemporary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to direct the Senate Committee on Local Government to conduct a comprehensive mandatory review of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, in order to provide a more responsive and accountable local government structure.

Adopted,