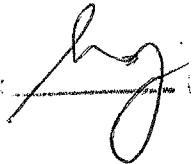


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangay elections are one of the most important events that are held by the State. Its importance of course, lies in the fact that in our structure of Government, the barangay is the most basic political unit of our country that serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community; and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, considered and crystallized and where disputes may be amicably settled. Thus being so, it necessarily follows, through plain deduction, that the election of persons to embody and lead the barangays is also clothed with the same degree of importance.

The current law on barangay elections provides that such an election shall be held every three (3) years.

What this bill aims to accomplish is to amend Republic Act No. 9164 by rescheduling and thereby extending the term of office of barangay officials such that:

- The incumbent barangay officials will thus be given a chance to provide better services;
- Plans and programs by current incumbent barangay officials be realized and completed;
- Politics will be kept to a minimum; and
- The elections will be spaced apart, such that not only would be able to provide the goals already mentioned, but so that we would also be able to spend our limited resources on more important and essential things that would help the country break free from its current state of debt.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.


EDGARDO J. ANGARA

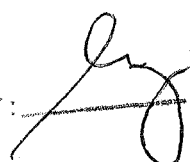
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AN ACT
EXTENDING THE TERM OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND THE SETTING
OF THE DATE OF THE ELECTION OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS,
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. Date of Election. - There shall be synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections which shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2007 and every [three (3)] FIVE (5) years thereafter.”

SECTION 2. Section 2 of Republic Act 9164 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 2. Term of office of all barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials after the effectivity of this Act shall be [three (3)] FIVE (5) years.

HEREAFTER, [N]no barangay elective official shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same position; Provided, however, That the term of office shall be reckoned from the [1994] JULY 15, 2002 barangay elections. Voluntary renunciation of office for any length of time

shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of service for the full term for which the elective official was elected.”

SECTION 3. Repealing clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected and t hereby remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,