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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, REVISION OF CODES AND LAWS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL PERTINENT LAWS THAT GOVERN THE CONSTITUTION, GRANT OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AS WELL AS THE EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES TO THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN AND THE PEDERASYON NG MGA SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INTRODUCING AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS THEREON AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 13 of the Constitution states:

The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides for the constitution, grant of powers and functions as well as the extension of privileges to the Sangguniang Kabataan;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Code likewise provide for the constitution of the Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan in the municipalities, cities, provinces, special metropolitan political subdivisibns and on the national level;

WHEREAS, the present political scenario caused the significant deviation of ideals from the constitutional principles for which the Sangguniang Kabataan and the Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan were constituted;

WHEREAS, the youth leaders are unavoidably exposed to the corruption, waywardness and misbehavior of senior politicians who in one way or the other tainted the political system of the youth by exposing them to practices which are not in accordance with law;

WHEREAS, previous elections of the Sangguniang Kabataan were often attended by violence, vote-buying and influence peddling and all other acts which are typical to violent elections;

WHEREAS, there is a need to revisit all the pertinent laws governing the constitution, grant of powers and functions and extension of privileges to the Sangguniang Kabataan and the Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan to realign them back to the basic constitutional principles of promoting and protecting the youth's physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being and to inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;

WHEREAS, it may be necessary to consider the passage of remedial legislation so that the problems so mentioned attending the Sangguniang Kabataan and the Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan be addressed for the welfare of our future leaders;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate, to direct the Committees on Local Government and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the status of the implementation of all pertinent laws that govern the constitution, grant of powers and functions, as well as the extension of privileges to the Sangguniang Kabataan and the Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan, with the end in view of introducing amendments or revisions thereon and for other purposes.

Adopted,


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