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S.B. No. <u>1375</u>

Introduced by SEN. WIN GATCHALIAN

AN ACT

CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY, CITY, PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL FEDERATIONS OF SANGGUNIAN BARANGAY MEMBERS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 508 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 508 (a) of the Local Government Code (LGC) of 1991 already allows for the creation of a league or federation for Sanggunian Barangay members, the legislative body of the barangays. However, the LGC of 1991 is wanting of provisions that set the legal framework in the creation of federations of sanggunian barangay members in the municipal or city, provincial and national levels.

Thus, there is a need to legislatively create the National, Provincial, City and Municipal Federations of Sanggunian Barangay Members through an amendment of the LGC of 1991. The different LGU-level Federations, to be eventually conglomerated as the National Federation of Sanggunian Barangay Members, will be in the forefront of championing the multitudinous interests of the 294,322 Sanggunian Barangay members duly elected by the constituents of the 42,046 barangays of the country.

The institutionalization process is as follows: the barangay members of all the barangays in a particular city or municipality will elect among themselves their President, Officers and Board of Directors to create the City or Municipal Federation. The elected Presidents of the Municipal or City Federations will then form the Provincial Federation, and likewise elect among themselves their President, Officers and Board of Directors. Thereafter, the Presidents of all the Provincial Federations will now convene and elect among themselves the President, Officers and Board of Directors of the National Federation of Sanggunian Barangay Members.

This organizational framework is the best mechanism to achieve genuine representation of the hundreds of thousands of Sanggunian Barangay members throughout the archipelago.

Moreover, to maximize the efficiency and effectivity of the National Federation of Sanggunian Barangay Members with regard to its relations with other local government units' aggrupation, this Bill mandates it to be a member league of the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) to be represented by its President.

With all these considerations, support for the passage is earnestly sought.

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

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2	Government Code of 1991," is hereby amended to include subsection (c), to
3	read as follows:
4	(a) xxx
5	(b) xxx
6	(C) SANGGUNIAN BARANGAY MEMBERS SHALL
7	FORM A CITY OR MUNICIPALITY FEDERATION
8	AND ELECT A BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND A SET
9	OF OFFICERS HEADED BY A PRESIDENT. THE
10	DULY ELECTED PRESIDENTS OF THE CITY OR
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3	A BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND A SET OF OFFICERS
4	HEADED BY A PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL
5	FEDERATION OF SANGGUNIAN BARANGAY
6	MEMBERS. THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF
7	SANGGUNIAN BARANGAY MEMBERS,
8	REPRESENTED BY ITS NATIONAL PRESIDENT,
9	SHALL BE PART OF THE UNION OF LOCAL
10	AUTHORITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES (ULAP).
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12	SEC. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The DILG, in consultation
13	with the ULAP, and other concerned agencies and stakeholders, shall
14	promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act within ninety
15	(90) days from effectivity of this Act.
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17	SEC. 3. Separability Clause If any provision of this Act is declared
18	invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in
19	full force and effect.
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21	SEC. 4. Repealing Clause All laws, presidential decrees, executive
22	orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof
23	contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
24	accordingly.
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26	SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
27	after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of genera
2 0	circulation

Approved,