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Introduced by Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend the Local Government Code by abolishing the Sangguniang Kabataan.

The Sangguniang Kabataan as a body has not lived up to the people's expectations.

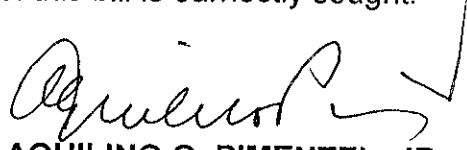
There shall, however, be a representative of the youth in the local government Sanggunian.

The youth representatives in the local councils shall be the voice of the young people in the policy-making bodies of the local government. They will ensure the youth's vital participation in public and civic affairs in their respective communities.

As proposed in this measure, in addition to the other qualifications required of candidates to the Sanggunian no person shall be elected as the youth representative in any Sanggunian unless he is a Filipino citizen, a resident of the barangay for at least one (1) year and not more than eighteen (18) years of age at the time of filing of his or her certificate of candidacy or election.

Under this bill, the Sangguniang Kabataan Officers duly elected in the October 2007 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Synchronized Elections shall continue to hold office for the duration of the term to which they had been elected.

In view thereof, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT ABOLISHING THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN,
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS REPUBLIC ACT 7160,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991**

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

Section 1. The Sangguniang Kabataan under Book III, Chapters 8-10 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code, is hereby abolished.

Section 2. Section 467, paragraph a of RA 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Composition. - (a) The sangguniang panlalawigan, the legislative body of the province, shall be composed of the provincial vice-governor as presiding officer, the regular sanggunian members, including a youth representative, and the president of the provincial chapter of the liga ng mga barangay, the president of the provincial federation of sanggunian members of municipalities and component cities, and the sectoral representatives, as members.

Section 3. Section 457, paragraph a of RA 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 457. Composition. - (a) The sangguniang panlungsod, the legislative body of the city, shall be composed of the city vice-mayor as presiding officer, the regular sanggunian members, including a youth representative, and the president of the city chapter of the liga ng mga barangay, and the sectoral representatives, as members.

Section 4. Section 446, paragraph a of RA 7160, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 446. Composition. - (a) The sangguniang bayan, the legislative body of the municipality, shall be composed of the municipal vice mayor as the presiding officer, the regular sanggunian members, including a youth representative, and the president of the municipal chapter of the liga ng mga barangay, and the sectoral representatives, as members.

Section 5. Section 390, paragraph a of RA 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Composition. - The sangguniang barangay, the legislative body of the barangay, shall be composed of the punong barangay as presiding officer, and the seven (7) regular sangguniang barangay members, including a youth representative.

Section 6. Aside from the qualifications required of candidates for the various Sanggunians, no person shall be elected as the youth representative in any Sanggunian unless he is a Filipino citizen, a resident of the barangay for at least one (1) year and not more than eighteen (18) years of age at the time of filing of his or her certificate of candidacy or election.

Section 7. The officers or members of the Sangguniang Kabataan who had been elected in the 2007 elections, shall, however, continue to hold office for the duration of the term to which they had been elected.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. Book III, Chapters 8-10 of RA 7160 is hereby repealed. All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations or any part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 9. Separability Clause. In case any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 10. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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