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Senate Bill No. 905

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Local Government Code of 1991, R.A. No. 7160 has provided for sectoral representatives in the composition and membership of the various local sangguniangs.

Notwithstanding the effectivity of said Local Government Code on January 1, 1992, the full composition of said local sanggunian have not yet been completed due to the absence of an enabling law which shall provide for the election of some of said sectoral representatives.

This bill is intended to fill up said legislation vacuum, and is aimed to provide for the election of the sectoral representatives to said sanggunian as provided in the R.A. No. 7160.

It is hoped that the election of said electoral representatives will further invigorate the local sanggunian with the addition of fresh blood, and make them more responsive to the common interests, causes, and aspirations of the particular sectors which will be represented in said sanggunian.

The approval of this proposed bill, is therefore, recommended.


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTIONS OF THE SECTORAL
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, SANGGUNIANG
PANLUNGSOD, AND SANGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, FIXING THE DATES
THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Sectoral Representatives to be Elected. – There shall be three (3) Sectoral Representatives to the Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panlungsod, and Sangguniang Panlalawigan who shall be elected pursuant to this Act: (a) one (1) from the women sector; and as shall be determined by said sangguniangs, (b) one (1) from the agricultural or industrial workers; and (c) one (1) from the urban poor, or indigenous cultural minorities, or disabled sector, or any other sector.

SEC. 2. Determination of Sectoral Groups by the Sanggunians. – It shall be obligatory for the Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panlungsod, and Sangguniang Panlalawigan to determine, as provided under R.A. No. 7169, which other sectoral group, aside from the women sector, shall be entitled to a seat and be represented in their respective sangguniangs; (a) whether it shall be the agricultural or industrial workers; and (b) whether it shall be the urban poor, or indigenous cultural minorities, or the disabled sector, or any other sector. The determination of said sectoral groups shall be made in accordance with the criteria and guidelines for the purpose, and within the reglamentary period provided in, and consistent with, the calendar of election activities and processes which shall be issued by the Commission on Elections for the holding of the elections of sectoral representatives provided in this Act.

SEC. 3. Date of Elections. – The election of the Sectoral Representatives to the Sangguniang Bayan and Sangguniang Panlungsod shall be held to coincide with the next local elections and the election of the sectoral representatives to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall be held thirty days (30) after local election.

SEC. 4. Manner of Elections. –

- (a) The Sectoral Representative to the Sangguniang Bayan and Sangguniang Panlungsod shall be elected by the qualified votes of the municipality or city, who are registered members of duly

accredited sectoral organizations of the sectors to which the nominees or candidates respectively belong;

- (b) The Sectoral Representatives to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall be elected by, and from among, the elected sectoral representatives to the Sangguniang Bayan and Sangguniang Panlungsod of all the municipalities and component cities within the jurisdiction of each province, respectively belonging to the same sectors as that of the nominees or candidates;
- (c) The vacancies which will be created by the election to the position of Sectoral Representatives to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the elected Sectoral Representatives to the Sangguniang Bayan and Sangguniang Panlungsod, shall be filled by the nominees or candidates who obtained the second highest number of votes among the nominees or candidates of the sectors where the vacancies occurred, and in default of the latter, by the nominees or candidates who obtained the next highest number of votes.

SEC. 5. Terms of Office. – The term of office of the first set of sectoral representative who shall be elected under this Act shall be co-extensive with the remaining period of the term of office of the regular elected members of the respective sangguniangs to which they were elected, irrespective of the date of their election and assumption of office. The succeeding sectoral representative who shall be elected in regular elections shall have the same term of office as the regular elected members of the sangguniangs.

SEC. 6. Conduct and Supervision of Elections; powers of the Commission on Elections; Applicability of the Omnibus Election Code and other Existing Election Laws. – The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise the elections of the sectoral representatives to the sangguniangs as herein provided, and in addition to the powers vested in the said Commission under the Constitution and other existing election laws, it shall promulgate and issue the necessary implementing guidelines, rules and regulations, and exercise such functions and duties which it may deem necessary for purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Any and all the provisions of the Omnibus Election Code, and other pertinent existing election and other laws, so far as they are not inconsistent herewith, shall be applicable to the elections which shall be held under this Act.

SEC. 7. Validation and Confirmation of Prior Resolutions, Issuances, and Acts of the Commission. – The resolution, issuances, and other acts of the Commission on Election made prior hereto, and in connection with the sectoral representative election, which are not inconsistent herewith, are hereby confirmed and shall be considered valid for all legal intents and purposes.

SEC. 8. Funding. – In order to carry out the provisions of this Act, the amount of Two Hundred Million Pesos (P 200,000,000.00) shall immediately be released and made available to the Commission on Elections upon the approval of this Act.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, rules, regulations and other issuance or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,