

10 JUL 15 A9:47

SENATE  
S. No. 1453

RECEIVED BY 

---

**Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri**

---

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

It is well settled that there is a big problem in our Justice System, with the protracted procedure of how cases are solve, the financial burden attached to it, plus the convoluted way of bureaucracy, one is normally discouraged to file the appropriate case to protect his/her rights and interest as well as to defend his/her dignity and honor.

With the enactment of The Katarungang Pambarangay Law, it aims to innovate our current justice system, giving more avenues to the aggrieved party, placing them in a more comfortable atmosphere and undergoing through a less formal procedure. Correlative with that vision of The Katarungang Pambarangay Law, this bill aims to promote the barangay justice and make it more effective as it hereby amends article 1155 of the Civil Code regarding prescription of actions. Recognizing the importance of the role of barangay in the justice system, it is reasonable and appropriate that an action brought under their authority be one of the grounds for the interruption of prescription of action under the law.

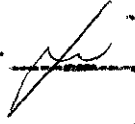
Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**

10 JUL 15 A9:47

SENATE

S. No. 1453

RECEIVED BY: 

---

Introduced by Senator JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

---

AN ACT  
PROMOTING BARANGAY JUSTICE BY AMENDING ARTICLE ELEVEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-  
EIGHT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

1       **Section 1.** Article 1155 of the Civil Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2               "ART. 1155. The prescription of actions is interrupted when they are filed  
3 before the court, when there is a written extrajudicial demand by the creditors,  
4 [and] when there is any written acknowledgement of the debt by the debtor, **OR**  
5 **WHEN THEY ARE BROUGHT BEFORE THE PUNONG BARANGAY OR THE**  
6 **LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA UNDER THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF**  
7 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.**

8               **IF BROUGHT BEFORE THE PUNONG BARANGAY OR THE LUPON**  
9 **NG TAGAPAMAYAPA, THE PRESCRIPTION OF ACTION IS SUSPENDED**  
10 **ONLY FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) DAYS TO BE RECKONED FROM THE**  
11 **DATE OF SAID REFERRAL.**

12  
13       **SEC 2.** This Act shall be without prejudice to the pertinent provisions of the  
14 Revised Katarungang Pambarangay Law as provided for in Sections 399 -422, Chapter  
15 VII, Title I, Book III of Republic Act No. 7160.

16  
17       **SEC 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2)  
18 newspapers of general circulation.

19  
20       Approved,