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## Introduced by SENATOR FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.

## CREATING A SELECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON BARANGAY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, Section 384 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides "the barangay serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled.";

**WHEREAS**, being the basic political unit in the country, barangays serve as indispensable instruments in delivering the basic services to the people, and in implementing the agenda for development at the grass root level;

**WHEREAS**, there are 42,028 barangays all over the country today. It is unfortunate, however, that many of these barangays are not able to properly and efficiently implement the plans for economic and political growth in their respective territories for the advancement of the people;

**WHEREAS**, it has been almost twenty two (22) years since the enactment of the Local Government Code of 1991, and local governance, particularly in the barangay level, has encountered many issues that challenged local autonomy;

WHEREAS, it is vital to constitute the Select Oversight Committee on Barangay Affairs in order to scrutinize how barangays all over the country have performed their mandated duty under the Local Government Code of 1991, and in the end, make their role more responsive to the needs of the people;

**WHEREAS**, Section 14, Rule X of the Rules of the Senate provides that "Whenever necessary, special committees shall be organized, the membership and jurisdiction of which shall be determined by the Senate President."

NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved to create a **Select Oversight Committee** on Barangay Affairs.

Adopted,

FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.