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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines as a public administration system boasts of the unique aspect of having a manager down to the grassroots in the form of the Barangay system. The Barangay is the smallest administrative unit in the Philippines. Its strength comes necessarily from its easy accessibility.

In addition, the Barangay political system is characterized by a more personal and intimate relationship. Barangay officials belong to one neighborhood and issues within the barangay are resolved, as much as practicable, in the barangay.

The importance of Barangay, as well as Sangguniang Kabataan, officials can not be overemphasized. These officials are considered the front liners in the delivery of social services.

Their term of office of three years is too short a time for the unity and stability in barangay leadership and affairs. This bill, thus, proposes for the extension of the term of office of Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials to six years just like the term of national officials.

Furthermore, this bill seeks to reset the next Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections to the second Monday of May 2016, synchronized to the next Presidential elections.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9340, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9164
RESETTING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representative of the Philippines in congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9140, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. *Date of Election.* – There shall be no Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections on October 2013. In lieu of this, the next synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be held on the second Monday of May 2016, synchronized with the national elections, and every six years thereafter.

Section 2. Section 2 of Republic Act 9164 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. *Term of Office.* –The term of office of all barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials after the effectivity of this Act shall be six (6) years.

No barangay elective official shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position: Provided, however, That the term of office shall be reckoned from the 1994 barangay elections. Voluntary renunciation of office for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of service for the full term for which the elective official was elected.

Section 3. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. *Assumption of Office.* - The term of office of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence at noon of the thirtieth day of June, next following their elections.

Section 4. All acts, laws, decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations which are contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, and/or modified accordingly.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in two (2) newspapers circulation.

Approved,