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**AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND  
SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections are important pillars of our democratic institutions. The success of said elections ensures the national and local governments of effective partners, through the elected barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials, in the delivery of basic services to the people.

Under Republic Act 9164, as amended, the present barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials who were elected during the 14 May 2018 elections have a term of two (2) years or up to noon of 20 June 2020. The said term is short of the standard term of three (3) years for other elected local officials and will not serve a purpose of any pressing concern. In fact, the budgetary requirement of three billion pesos (PhP 3, 000, 000, 000.00), more or less, to finance the conduct of barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections is enormous to escape scrutiny and consideration in the light of our budgetary constraints.

The proposed measure seeks to postpone the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections from the second Monday of May 2020 to the second Monday of May 2023 not only to save money to fund other aspects of national development but, more importantly, to enforce the right of the incumbent barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials to serve a full three (3) year-term or, in this case, an extended five (5) year-term.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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

1 Section. 1. Section 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is  
2 hereby further amended to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 1. Date of Election. -- There shall be synchronized barangay and  
4 sangguniang kabataan elections, which shall be held on July 15, 2002.  
5 Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be  
6 held on the last Monday of October 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter:  
7 Provided, That the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections on October 23,  
8 2017 shall be postponed to the second Monday of May 2018. Subsequent  
9 synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the  
10 [second Monday of May 2020] SECOND MONDAY OF MAY 2023 and every three  
11 (3) years thereafter."

12 Sec. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby further  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "Sec. 4. Assumption of Office. -- The term of office of the barangay and  
15 sangguniang kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence at noon of  
16 June 30 next following their election: Provided, however, That the term of office

1 of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the [May 2020]  
2 MAY 2023 elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of June  
3 30 next following their election."

4 Sec. 3. Appropriations. -- The amount necessary for the implementation of  
5 this Act shall be taken from the appropriations of the Commission on Elections  
6 (COMELEC) under the General Appropriations Act and/or supplementary  
7 appropriations thereafter.

8 Sec. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — The Commission on Elections  
9 shall, within fifteen (15) days after the effectivity of this Act, promulgate such  
10 rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act:

11 Sec. 5. Repealing Clause. - All other laws, acts, presidential decrees,  
12 executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or  
13 parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of this  
14 Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

15 Sec. 6. Separability Clause. — If any portion or provision of this Act is  
16 declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected  
17 thereby shall remain in force and effect.

18 Sec. 7. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect immediately following the  
19 completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette, or in two (2)  
20 newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

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*Approved,*