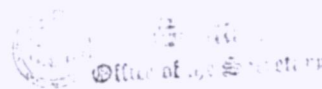


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Barangay is the smallest political unit in the Philippines. It is considered as the frontline of our government efforts in effectively implementing its programs and projects. It plays a very important role since it is the unit of government closest to the constituents.

The last barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections were last held in May 2018. The winners in this election will only serve for two (2) years instead of three (3) by virtue of the provision of Republic Act No. 10952, which scheduled the next elections in May 2020.

This proposal seeks to postpone the scheduled barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections from May 2020 to May 2022, giving the incumbent barangay and SK officials an extension to their term. This will not only give a sense of stability in their governance to their barangays, but more importantly give the newly-instituted Houses of Congress more time to study and explore possible ways of further empowering them by possibly passing reforms and amendments to existing laws.

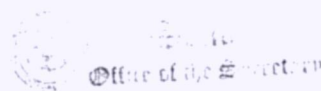
As the scheduled barangay elections is drawing near, immediate passage of this proposal is earnestly sought.


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

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act
2 No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923,
3 and Republic Act No. 10952, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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5 "SECTION 1. *Date of Election.* – There shall be synchronized barangay
6 and Sangguniang Kabataan elections, which shall be held on July 15, 2002.
7 Subsequent synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections
8 shall be held on the last Monday of October 2007 and every three (3) years
9 thereafter: *Provided,* That the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan
10 elections on [~~October 23, 2017~~] **MAY 11, 2020** shall be postponed to the
11 second Monday of May [~~2018~~] **2022**. Subsequent synchronized barangay
12 and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be held on the second Monday
13 of May [~~2020~~] **2022** and every three (3) years thereafter."

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15 Sec. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No 9164, as amended by Republic Act No.
16 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923, and
17 Republic Act No. 10952, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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2 “SEC. 4. *Assumption of Office.* – The term of office of the barangay and
3 Sangguniang Kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence at
4 noon of June 30 next following their election: *Provided, however,* That the
5 term of office of the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials elected
6 in the May [~~2020~~] **2022** elections and subsequently thereafter, shall
7 commence at noon of June 30 next following their election.”
8

9 Sec. 3. *Hold Over.* – Until their successors shall have been duly elected and
10 qualified, all incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office, unless sooner
11 removed or suspended for cause: *Provided,* That barangay officials who are *ex officio*
12 members of the sangguniang panlungsod, or sangguniang panlalawigan, as the case
13 may be, shall continue to serve as such members in the sanggunian concerned until
14 the next barangay election. The Liga ng mga Barangay at the municipal, city, and
15 provincial levels shall, not later than July 31, 2022, conduct elections for *ex officio*
16 positions in the sanggunians under the supervision of the Department of the Interior
17 and Local Government.
18

19 Sec. 4. *Ban of Government Projects.* – The construction or maintenance of
20 barangay-funded roads and bridges shall be prohibited for a period of ten (10) days
21 immediately preceding the date of election, the provisions of Section 261, paragraphs
22 (v) and (w) of the Omnibus Election Code to the contrary notwithstanding.
23

24 SEC. 5. *Prohibition on Appointments of Government Officials and Employees.* –
25 The appointment or hiring of new employees, creation of new position, promotion, or
26 giving of salary increases, remuneration or privileges in the barangay shall be
27 prohibited for a period of ten (10) days immediately preceding the election, the
28 provisions of Section 261, paragraph (g), of the Omnibus Election Code to the contrary
29 notwithstanding.

30 Sec. 6. *Appropriations.* – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) shall find
31 possible sources of funding for the continuing appropriations and to be used for the

1 conduct of the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan registration and elections in May
2 2022.

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4 *Sec. 7. Use of Sangguniang Kabataan Fund.* – Until the new Sangguniang
5 Kabataan official shall have been duly elected and qualified, the sangguniang barangay
6 shall not use the Sangguniang Kabataan fund except for youth development and
7 empowerment programs as provided in Republic Act No. 10742, otherwise known as
8 the “Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015.”

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10 *Sec. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Comelec shall, within fifteen
11 (15) days after the effectivity of this Act, promulgate such rules and regulations
12 necessary to implement this Act.

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14 *Sec. 9. Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive
15 orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof,
16 which are contrary to an inconsistent with any provision of the Act are hereby
17 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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19 *Sec. 10. Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
20 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall
21 remain in force and effect.

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23 *Sec. 11. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately following the
24 completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of
25 general circulation.

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27 *Approved,*