


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is slowly becoming an ageing population. According to the latest projections of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), by the year 2032, the elderly, or demographic sector consisting of people aged 65 and older, would comprise at least 7% of the total population, and by 2069, the Philippines would have become an "aged society," with at least 14% of the population aged 65 or older.¹

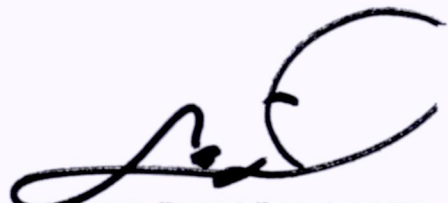
There are two sides to this trend. On the positive side, this signals success in the government's drive of improving the state of healthcare in our country, which, in turn, leads to an increase in life expectancy. On the other hand, an ageing population puts a stress on our pension and social security programs and other government subsidies for the elderly.

Indeed, an ageing population poses both opportunities and challenges to the government's approaches, programs and policies for the elderly. There is no better way to address this than to involve our senior citizens in policy-making and agenda-setting from the grassroots-level to the highest levels of local governance.

¹ <https://www.rappler.com/nation/234723-philippines-ageing-population-pids-study>

This proposed measure provides for the mandatory sectoral representation of senior citizens in all local legislative councils, from the barangay to the province. By providing an avenue for the elderly to participate in governance and legislation, their unique insights and ideas will directly influence the crafting of local ordinances and local government-led initiatives that cater to their needs and concerns. The aim is to institutionalize their presence and voice in the local sanggunian.

In view of this, early passage of this bill is sought.




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

1 SECTION 1. *Senior Citizen Representative.* – There shall be one (1) Senior
2 Citizen Representative in every barangay sanggunian, municipal or city sanggunian
3 and provincial sanggunian, thereby amending pertinent provisions of the Local
4 Government Code of 1991, as amended.

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6 Sec. 2. *Manner of Election.* – The Senior Citizen Representatives shall be elected
7 in the manner provided below:

- 8 a. The Senior Citizen Representative to the *Sangguniang Barangay* shall be
9 elected by the duly recognized association of all senior citizens in the said
10 barangay.
- 11 b. The Senior Citizen Representative to the *Sangguniang Bayan* or *Panglungsod*
12 shall be elected by the senior citizen representatives of all the sangguniang
13 barangay in the said municipality or city.
- 14 c. The Senior Citizen Representative to the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* shall be
15 elected by the senior citizen representatives of all the sangguniang bayan o
16 panglungsod in the said province.

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1 The Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) or the local social welfare and
2 development office of the local government unit concerned shall exercise supervision
3 over the election of the Senior Citizen Representatives within their territorial
4 jurisdiction.

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6 SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)*. — The Department of
7 Interior and Local Government, in coordination with the local government unit
8 leagues, shall adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions
9 of this Act.

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11 SECTION 3. *Appropriations*. — The amount necessary for the implementation
12 of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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14 SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause*. — All laws, presidential decrees, executive
15 orders, proclamations, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions
16 of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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18 SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause*. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
19 from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
20 circulation.

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22 *Approved,*
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