

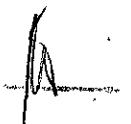
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The country is faced with great challenges for this year. First, we spent P13.5 Billion for the holding of the first nationwide Automated Election. Second, is that the coming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections is expected to cost a minimum of P3.5 Billion. Third, is that the obviously short term that we have provided for our barangay officials greatly affect the delivery of services in the most basic level of governance.

These budget and governance factors demand that we adopt relevant measures in the interest of effective governance and public service. The positions occupied by Barangay and SK officials are non-partisan by nature and practice. Therefore, there is no great need for their election to be held in the same year as for partisan national and local posts.

This bill seeks to postpone the Barangay and SK elections to the last Monday of October 2012 and the assumption to office of the newly-elected Barangay and SK officials to commence on November 30 immediately following their election.

It is only fair that our citizens benefit from a two-year extension of the terms of Barangay and SK officials. The same would result in effective governance and implementation of long-term projects nationwide.

The immediate passage of this Bill, is, therefore, respectfully sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, RESETTING THE SYNCHRONIZED
BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9340 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 “SECTION 1. Date of Election. – There shall be synchronized
4 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections which shall be held on July
5 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan
6 elections shall be held on the last Monday of October [2007] **2012** and
7 every [three (3)] ~~FIVE~~ **(5)** years thereafter.

8 **SEC. 2.** Section ~~4~~ of Republic Act No. 9340 is hereby amended to read as
9 follows:

10 “**SEC. 4.** Assumption of Office. - The term of office of the barangay
11 and sangguniang kabataan officials elected under this Act shall
12 commence on August 15, 2002, next following their election. The term of
13 office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the
14 [October 2007] **OCTOBER 2012** election and subsequent elections shall
15 commence at noon of November 30, next following their election.”

16 **SEC. 3. Application of Republic Act No. 9369.** - The synchronized barangay
17 and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be automated in accordance with Republic
18 Act No. 9369; provided, that for the October 2012 barangay and sangguniang kabataan
19 elections the following provisions shall apply:

20 (a) The automated election system or systems as defined in Republic Act No.
21 9369 shall be implemented in at least two highly urbanized cities and two provinces
22 each in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, to be chosen by the Commission on Elections;

1 (b) The certification required from the Technical Evaluation Committee in Section
2 9 of Republic Act No. 9369 shall be given not later than four (4) weeks prior to the date
3 of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections;

4 (c) If the Commission on Elections decides to proceed with the use of an
5 automated election system without the certification of the Technical Evaluation
6 Committee as required in Section 9 of Republic Act No. 9369, it must submit its reasons
7 in writing to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the automated Election
8 System no less than two (2) weeks prior to the barangay and sangguniang kabataan
9 elections; and

10 (d) The Commission on Elections shall undertake a voter education program
11 within such reasonable time prior to the automated barangay and sangguniang
12 kabataan elections.

13 **SEC. 4. Repealing clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, and rules and
14 regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
15 repealed or modified accordingly.

16 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason, any section or provision of this
17 Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not
18 be affected and thereby remain in full force and effect.

19 **SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect immediately after its
20 publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

21 Approved.