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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 3937

Introduced by Introduced by Reps Vincent J. Garcia, Isidro T. Ungab, Paolo Z. Duterte, Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas, Joel Mayo Z. Almario, Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Alan "Aldu" R. Dujali, Pantaleon D. Alvarez, Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga, Manuel "Way Kurat" Zamora, Carlo Lisandro L. Gonzalez and Claudine Diana D. Bautista

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to postpone the scheduled May 2020 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections to October 2022, further amending for the purpose Republic Act (RA) No. 9164, as amended.

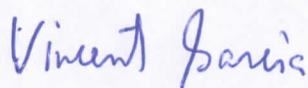
The latest amendment to RA 9164 by virtue of RA 10952, entitled "*An Act Postponing the October 2017 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9164, as Amended by Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, and Republic Act No. 10923, and For Other Purposes,*" postponed the October 23, 2017 elections to the second Monday of May 2018 and required the subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections to be held on the second Monday of May 2020. Under this amendment, the incumbent barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials or those elected during the May 14, 2018 elections will have a term of only two years, giving them a short time to implement their programs and projects, and pursue reforms to ensure the delivery of basic social services due to their respective constituencies.

This proposed measure is consistent with the message of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte during his State of the Nation Address (SONA) delivered on July 22, 2019. His SONA, among others, highlighted the need to study carefully the postponement of the forthcoming May 2020 barangay and sangguniang barangay elections. According to him,


elections. According to him, there is a need to rectify the truncated terms of the incumbent barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials to enable them to have more time to finish their programs and projects for the interest and welfare of their barangays.

Postponing the May 2020 synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections will also give the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) enough time to prepare for it considering that the local elections was just held last May 2019. Further, it will ensure that COMELEC personnel have recovered from the grueling activities of the May 2019 national and local elections and adequate resources for the said next local electoral process will be ready by then.

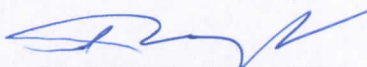
In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is highly recommended.



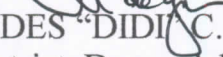
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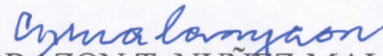
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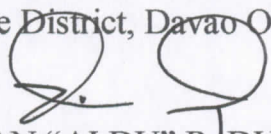


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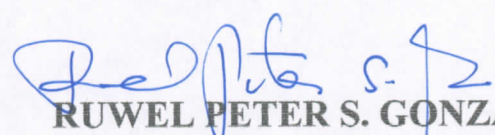
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AN ACT

POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN
KABATAAN ELECTIONS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED

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

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

“SECTION 1. *Date of Election.* – There shall be
synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections, which
shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay
and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday
of October 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter: *Provided, That*
the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections on October 23,
2017 shall be postponed to the second Monday of May 2018.
Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan

1 elections shall be held on the second Monday of [~~May 2020~~]
2 **OCTOBER 2022** and every three (3) years thereafter.”

3 SEC. 2. Section 4 of RA 9164, as amended, is further amended to read as
4 follows:

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

13 SEC. 3. *Hold Over.* – Until their successors shall have been duly elected
14 and qualified, all incumbent barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials shall
15 remain in office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause: *Provided*, That
16 barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials who are *ex officio* members of the
17 sangguniang bayan, sangguniang panglungsod, or sangguniang panlalawigan, as
18 the case may be, shall continue to serve as such members in the sanggunian
19 concerned until the next barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections. The Liga
20 ng mga Barangay at the municipal, city, and provincial levels shall conduct
21 elections for *ex officio* positions in the sanggunians on or before December 31,
22 2022 under the supervision of the Department of the Interior and Local

1 Government.

2 SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within thirty (30) days
3 from the effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Elections shall promulgate
4 the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

5 SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
6 issuances, proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are
7 contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed
8 or modified accordingly.

9 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after its publication in the
10 *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

11 Approved,