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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to postpone the May 2020 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections to October 2022.

The Php 6 billion cost of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections is enormous considering the budgetary constraints of the government. Rescheduling the elections would not only save money and resources for other national developmental projects but also to give the Barangay officials a full three-year term.

The term of incumbent barangay officials was reduced to two years after Republic Act 10952 was approved in October 2017. It deferred the 2017 Barangay and SK elections and moved it to the second Monday of May 2018. The law further stipulated for the next polls to be held in May 2020, thus reducing the terms of those who won the May 2018 elections to only two years.

This is not to discount the importance of the Barangay and SK elections as pillars of democratic exercise. Rather, an extended term would give the barangay officials enough time to implement their programs and projects. Barangays are effectively the frontlines in the delivery of basic government services and in the fight against illegal drugs and criminality.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment and approval of this bill is earnestly 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.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 10952, as amended by Republic Act No. 9164,
2 Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act
3 No. 10923, and is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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5 "SECTION 1. *Date of Election* - ~~[There shall be synchronized barangay and~~
6 ~~sangguniang kabataan elections, which shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent~~
7 ~~synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the~~
8 ~~last Monday of October 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter.]~~ THE
9 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS ON MAY 11,
10 2020 SHALL BE POSTPONED TO THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER
11 2022. SUBSEQUENT SYNCHRONIZED ELECTIONS SHALL BE HELD
12 EVERY THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE PRECEDING BARANGAY AND
13 SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS.

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

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19 "SEC. 4. *Assumption of Office.* - The term of office of the barangay and
20 sangguniang kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence at noon of
21 **NOVEMBER 30** ~~[June 30]~~ next following their election. ~~[Provided, however, That the term~~
22 ~~of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the May 2020]~~
23 ~~elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of June 30 next following~~
24 ~~their election."~~
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1 **SECTION 3.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10952, as amended by Republic Act No. 9164,
2 Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act
3 No. 10923, and is hereby further amended to read as follows:
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5 "Sec. 3. *Hold Over.* - Until their successors shall have been duly elected and
6 qualified, all incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office, unless sooner removed
7 or suspended for cause; *Provided,* That barangay officials who are *ex officio* members of
8 the sangguniang bayan, sangguniang panlungsod, or sangguniang panlalawigan, as the
9 case may be, shall continue to serve as such members in the sanggunian concerned until
10 the next barangay election. The Liga ng mga Barangay at the municipal, city, and
11 provincial levels shall, not later than **DECEMBER 15, 2022** [July 31, 2018], conduct
12 elections for ex officio positions in the sanggunians under the supervision of the
13 Department of the Interior and Local Government."
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15 **SECTION 4.** Section 6 of Republic Act No. 10952 is hereby further amended to read as
16 follows:
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18 "Sec. 6. [~~Use of~~] *Appropriations.* - [~~The amount of Six billion ninety million three~~
19 ~~hundred twenty four thousand three hundred twenty five pesos and sixteen centavos~~
20 ~~(P6,090,324,325.16) shall be considered as continuing appropriations and shall be used~~
21 ~~exclusively for the conduct of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan registration and~~
22 ~~elections in May 2018].~~ **THE AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION**
23 **OF THIS ACT SHALL BE TAKEN FROM THE APPROPRIATIONS OF THE**
24 **COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (COMELEC) UNDER THE GENERAL**
25 **APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING ITS ENACTMENT INTO**
26 **LAW AND THEREAFTER.**
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28 **SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within sixty (60) days from the
29 effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Elections shall promulgate the necessary rules
30 and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

31 **SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.*** - Should any provision herein be declared
32 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

33 **SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.*** - All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive
34 orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts inconsistent
35 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

36 **SECTION 8. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
37 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

38 Approved,