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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 3674**



**Introduced by REP. EDGAR MARY S. SARMIENTO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

16 The Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) was envisioned as a venue for youth participation at the local level  
17 and a training ground for youth leaders. Through a mix of executive and legislative functions and  
18 with the Katipunan ng Kabataan, the Sangguniang Kabataan was intended to facilitate open and  
19 direct participation by the youth and to enable youth-centric programs and projects.

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21 Unfortunately, the performance of the Sangguniang Kabataan has been less than optimal. Studies  
22 conducted by universities and research institutions have concluded that most SK projects have little  
23 meaningful impact on the lives of the youth, focusing instead on beauty pageants and basketball  
24 tournaments. Critics have also pointed out that the duties in the SK negatively impact the academic  
25 performance of students.

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27 It is clear that reforms are necessary. This bill seeks to abolish the Sangguniang Kabataan and  
28 replace it instead with Youth Sector Representatives at the city and municipal levels. By elevating  
29 the youth representation to the city or municipal level, the voice of the youth is placed in a venue  
30 where collaboration is encouraged and meaningful reforms can be implemented. Furthermore, the  
31 removal of the executive functions of the Sangguniang Kabataan and the corresponding funding  
32 reduces the risk of corruption and insulates youth representatives from patronage politics.

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34 In light of the foregoing, I submit this bill for the consideration of this august body.

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16 **AN ACT ABOLISHING THE SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN AND CREATING THE**  
17 **POSITION OF YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES IN LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES,**  
18 **REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT**  
19 **NO. 7160 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10742**

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

22 **Section 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Revised Youth Representation Act.”

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24 **Section 2. Abolition of the Sangguniang Kabataan.** – Title One, Book III, Chapters VIII and IX of  
25 Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and the entirety  
26 of Republic Act No. 10742, otherwise known as the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015,  
27 are hereby repealed.

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29 **Section 3. The Youth Representative.** – There shall be in every Sangguniang Panlungsod and  
30 Sangguniang Bayan a youth representative that shall be elected by all qualified youth voters. The  
31 Youth Representative shall serve for a term of three (3) years. No Youth Representative may serve  
32 more than three (3) consecutive terms.

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34 The Youth Representative shall serve as a regular member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod or  
35 Sangguniang Bayan and an *ex officio* member of the respective Local School Board. He is entitled  
36 to all the benefits and privileges of a regular member of the Sanggunian.

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38 **Section 4. Qualifications of the Youth Representative.** – No person may be elected as a Youth  
39 Representative unless he is:

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41 (a) a citizen of the Philippines;

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43 (b) a registered voter in a barangay within the territory or jurisdiction of the local  
44 government unit where he intends to be elected;

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46 (c) a resident therein for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the day of the election;  
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(d) able to read and write in Filipino, English, or any local language or dialect;

(e) currently enrolled in or a graduate of either a secondary or tertiary educational institution;

(f) not related within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity to any incumbent elected local or national official; and

(g) at least eighteen (18) years but not more than thirty (30) years of age on the day of the election.

Any Youth Representative who, during his term of office, shall have passed the age of thirty (30) years shall be allowed to serve the remaining portion of the term for which he/she was elected.

**Section 5. *Qualified Youth Voters.*** – All registered voters in a barangay who are at least eighteen (18) but not more than twenty-five (25) years of age on the day of the election are entitled to vote for the Youth Representative.

**Section 6. *Election of the Youth Representative.*** – The elections for the Youth Representative shall be held concurrently with the elections for local officials. The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise the elections of the Youth Representative.

**Section 7. *Succession and Filling up of Vacancies.*** – In case a Youth Representative refuses to assume office, fails to qualify, voluntarily resigns, dies, is permanently incapacitated, or is removed from office, the city or municipal mayor shall nominate at least three (3) but not more than five (5) candidates to the Sanggunian.

Each member of the Sangguniang Bayan or Panlungsod is entitled to one (1) vote. The nominee who garners the most votes of the Sanggunian shall serve out the remainder of the unexpired term.

The appointive Youth Representative and all nominees must meet all the qualifications provided in Section 4 of this Act.

**Section 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Commission on Elections and the Department of Interior and Local Government shall formulate the necessary guidelines and promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act within ninety (90) days of this Act's effectivity.

Any and all provisions of the Omnibus Election Code and other pertinent and existing election laws, so far as they are not inconsistent herewith, shall be applicable to the elections under this Act.

**Section 9. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules or regulations or parts thereof inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby expressly repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**Section 10. *Separability Clause.*** – If for any reason any section or provision of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

1 **Section 11. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a  
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4 *Approved.*