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House Bill No. 4682



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Introduced by  
**HON. YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ**  
and  
**HON. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ**

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**AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 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, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

During the fourth State of the Nation Address last July 2019, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte asked Congress to postpone the barangay elections in order "to rectify the truncated terms" of barangay officials and give them more time to complete their programs and projects.

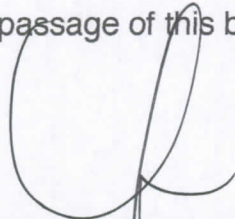
In line with the directives of the President, this bill amends R.A. 9164, R.A. 9340, R.A. 10632, R.A. 10656, R.A. 10923, and R.A. 10952 which hereby postpones the next Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections from May 2020 to May 2023, and one (1) year after the national and local polls.

Moreover, until their successors have been elected in the barangay polls, incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office in a hold-over capacity unless sooner removed or suspended.

The Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan units are the bedrock of Philippine political participation and is crucial in the delivery of key services to Filipino families. Among the projects and programs undertaken by these Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan units are the following: road clearing operations, implementation of Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Councils, health campaigns to combat the national dengue epidemic, and supporting the government's anti-insurgency campaign.

Furthermore, if elections will push through on May 2020 as previously scheduled, this will render the 3-year plan created by the SK officials as useless, given that they will not be given an appropriate amount of time for its completion and implementation.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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*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 hereby 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 elections shall be held on the [second Monday of May 2020] **SECOND MONDAY OF MAY 2023** and every [three (3) years] **ONE (1) YEAR FOLLOWING A NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS** thereafter."



**SEC. 2.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. Assumption of Office. -- The term of office of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence at noon of June 30 next following their election: **Provided**, however, That the term of office of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials elected in the [May 2020 ] **MAY 2023** elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of June 30 next following their election."

**SEC. 3. Hold Over.** – Until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, all incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause: **Provided**, That barangay officials who are ex officio members of the Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panglungsod or Sangguniang Panlalawigan, as the case may be, shall continue to serve as such members in the Sanggunian concerned until the next barangay election . The Liga ng mga Barangay at the municipal, city, and provincial levels shall, not later than July 31, 2023, conduct election for ex officio positions in the Sanggunians under the supervision of the Department of Interior and Local Government;

**SEC. 4. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be taken from the appropriations of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) under the General Appropriations Act and/or supplementary appropriations thereafter.

**SEC. 5. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions thereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

**SEC. 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*