

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1029

Introduced by **Representative JOEY SARTE SALCEDA**

AN ACT
POSTPONING THE DATE OF THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG
KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO SECOND MONDAY OF MAY 2021,
AMENDING FURTHER 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure seeks to postpone the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections from its originally scheduled date of May 2020 to the second Monday of May 2021.

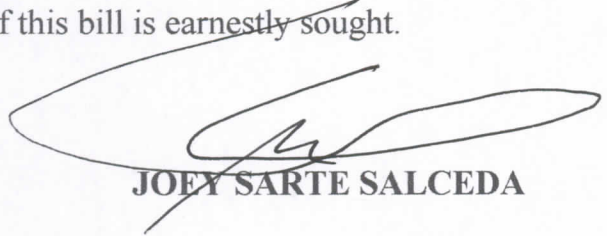
The synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections in the Philippines were held last May 14, 2018. Pursuant to Section 1 of Republic Act No. 10952 which was signed into law by President Rodrigo Duterte in October 2, 2017, the next synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections will be held on the second Monday of May 2020 and every three (3) years thereafter.

Since the May 2019 midterm elections had just been concluded, it would not be wise and prudent to hold the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections so soon, i.e. a year after. Elections in the country are admittedly divisive, contentious and costly. Thus, resetting the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections originally slated for May 2020 to 2021 would be the more logical measure and a welcome relief from the heavy social, political and economic toll that elections usually entail

With this postponement, the incumbent Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials will be granted an extension of one more year in their term which is a reasonable enough time for their constituents to assess their performance in office not unlike if they were to serve for only two (2) years as originally mandated under RA

10952. More importantly, they will be given enough time to implement and finish their programs to the utmost benefit of their respective constituencies.

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 by Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923 and Republic Act No. 10952, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 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 the second Monday of 2020 shall be postponed to the second Monday of **May 2021**. Subsequent synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be held on the second Monday of **May 2024** and every three (3) years thereafter.”

SEC. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10923 and Republic Act No. 10952, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 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 2021** elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of June 30 next following the 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 Panlungsod, 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, 2021, conduct elections for ex officio positions in the sanggunians under the supervision of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

SEC. 4. *Use of Appropriations.* – The amount of six billion five hundred million pesos (P6,500,000,000.00) shall be considered as continuing appropriations and shall be used exclusively for the conduct of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan registration and elections in **May 2021**.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Commission on Elections shall, within fifteen (15) days after the effectivity of this Act, promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Other provisions provided in Republic Act 10952 not consistent with this Act shall continue to subsist. All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,