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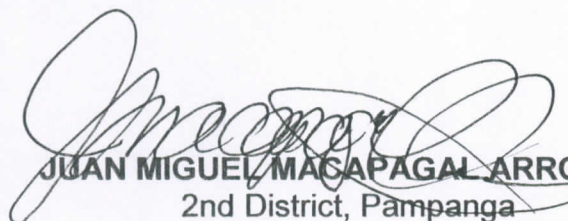
AN ACT  
POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN  
KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 10952, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164,  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 10656 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Local Government Units serve as a vital link between the national government and the people. So to speak, "local government units are in the frontline trenches." Hence, efforts at improving the performance of Local Government Units should be of crucial concern for all of us and at this seemingly important juncture, since the crafting of the Local Government Code in 1991, the provision of basic services through the implementation of meaningful programs at the local level are inextricably linked with the stability of term of office. As enunciated in the Local Government Code of 1991, "the capabilities of local government units especially the municipalities and barangays, shall be enhanced by providing them with opportunities to participate actively in the implementation of national programs and projects. A two-year term may not be enough for our local barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials to effectively craft and implement needed reforms and projects at the local level.

This bill is submitted with the view of postponing the May 2020 synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections to October 2022 which would provide an extension of an additional two (2) years to our local barangay officials.

Considering the lofty purposes of this bill, I enjoin our colleagues to help us pass the same into law.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of the Republic Act No. 10952, as amended the Republic Act No. 9164, Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, and Republic Act 10923, 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 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 LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2022 and every three (3) years thereafter”.

Section 2. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10952, as amended by Republic Act No. 9164, Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, and Republic Act No. 100923, are 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 NOVEMBER 30 next following their election. Provided, however, that the term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the May 2020 elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of June 30 next following their election.”

Section 3. The provisions of Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10952, as amended by Republic Act No. 9164, Republic Act No. 9340, Republic No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, and Republic Act No. 10923, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 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 official 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 as the municipal, city, and provincial levels shall not be later than DECEMBER 31, 2022, conduct elections for ex officio positions in their respective sanggunians under the supervision of the Department of the Interior Local Government.”

**Section 4. Funding.** The budgetary allocation needed to carry out the provisions of the Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year immediately following its enactment into law.

**Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** The Commission on Elections shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

**Section 6. Separability Clause.** - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

**Section 7 Repealing Clause.** - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

**Section 8. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.