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House Bill No. 2175



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Introduced by **HON. RODRIGO A. ABELLANOSA**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

We have very recently concluded the May 13, 2019 national and local elections after a long and divisive period of electoral campaign. As the victors hit the ground running and those defeated gracefully accept their fate, it is now the time to mend alliances that were severed by partisan politics.

But this healing process will take time. As emotions were high during the elections and both candidates and supporters were very passionate, post-election reconciliation is a slow, lengthy, and tedious process, albeit, very necessary in paving the way for collaboration, and ultimately, progress.

Today, we witness the strength of the Filipino people's character as we slowly unite and work together towards nation-building. But this will be short-lived as the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections loom near.

This bill seeks to postpone said elections to May 2021 in order to let the hurt heal and forge a more solid constituency before we again plunge into another series of campaigns that even with the purest of intentions, sow discord amongst our people. Furthermore, the amount of P6.9B was appropriated in the 2015 and 2016 GAA and reiterated in Republic Act No. 10923 for the exercise of the October 2017 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections. A similar amount will be necessary for the conduct of the next election and delaying the same by a year will allow the use of said funds for more immediate national and local government expenditures.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this Bill postponing the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections is earnestly sought.

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

*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. 10656, and Republic Act No. 10923, 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 31, 2016* shall be postponed to the fourth Monday of October 2017. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the second Monday of May [2020] **2021** and every three (3) years thereafter.”

**SEC. 2.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340 and Republic Act No. 10923, is hereby 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] **2021** elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of June 30 [next] following their election.”

**SEC. 3. Separability Clause.** – If any provision or part hereof is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,