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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On May 2018, the most recent Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections were held. The next Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections are set to be conducted on May 2020. This would mean that the current elected barangay officials and sangguninang kabataas officials will only have a 2 (two) year term to execute their respective duties.

The Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan offices are the frontline in the delivery of government services. These offices are the most accessible to the Filipinos, rendering numerous kinds of services to their constituents on a day to day basis. As the frontline government office for the Filipinos, it is best to give these officials a longer term in order to be able to formulate plans and programs for their respective areas thereby establishing continuity and effectiveness of said plans and programs.

This Bill seeks to postpone the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections on May 2020 thereby setting it to May 2023. In effect, the current elected officials are given a 5 (five) year term. This Bill further intends to set the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections every 5 (five) years thereafter.

As such, the passage of this Bill 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, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known and cited
as the "May 2020 Barangay and Sanggunian Kabataan Elections
Postponement Act";

SECTION. 2. Date of Election. - 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 further amended to read as follows:

*"SECTION 1. Date of Election. - [There shall be synchronized
barangay and sanggunian kabataan elections which shall be held on
July 15, 2002, Subsequent synchronized barangay and sanggunian
kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday of October and
every three (3) years thereafter.]*

THE SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATTAN ELECTIONS SCHEDULED ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF MAY 2020 SHALL BE POSTPONED AND BE HELD ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF MAY 2023. SUCCEEDING BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS SHALL BE HELD EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS THEREAFTER.

SECTION. 3. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, 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 June 30 next following their election.”.

SECTION. 4. Hold Over. – Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9164, pertaining to the holdover capacity of all incumbent barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION. 5. Applicability of Other Election Laws. – The Omnibus Election Code and other existing elections laws shall be, as far as practicable, applicable to the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections.

SECTION. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Commission on Elections and the Department of the Interior and Local Government shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act within thirty (30) days after its tivity.

SECTION. 7. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION. 8. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,