

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL No. 89**



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**Introduced by REPRESENTATIVES ALFREDO A. GARBIN, Jr. and  
ELIZALDY S. CO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to change the term of office of the barangay officials from three (3) years to five (5) years, amending for the purpose the Local Government Code.

The election of barangay officials is a crucial aspect in local government; the barangay, being the smallest unit of government, is the one nearest to the people in terms of proximity and familiarity. This is how the people redress their grievances directly to the government.

However, barangay officials rarely finish the programs they intended to accomplish at the start of their term because the three-year term proves to be wanting of major reforms in their barangay. Also, it is shorter than the five-year term of the Sangguniang Kabataan, even if the responsibilities of the barangay officials are wider in scope and more important. It becomes of paramount importance, therefore, that the term be extended to five years, similar to that of the barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan.

Moreover, the extension of the terms of the barangay officials will greatly reduce the expenses used for local elections. We cannot, in one year, hold national elections and local elections at the same time without exhausting our financial resources. Apart from this, we may also save effort and personal campaign expenses of the candidates themselves.

The bill was filed in the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress but for lack of time, its progress was halted at the committee level. In light of all these circumstances, the swift passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS  
FROM THREE (3) YEARS TO FIVE (5) YEARS AND PROVIDING A SYSTEM FOR  
RECALL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 43 AND SECTION 74,  
RESPECTIVELY, OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVEN THOUSAND ONE  
HUNDRED SIXTY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF  
1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

3 **Section 1.** Sec. 43 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local  
4 Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 "SEC. 43. *TERM OF OFFICE.* – (A) THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ALL ELECTIVE  
6 OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN,  
7 ELECTED AFTER THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS CODE SHALL BE FIVE (5)  
8 YEARS, STARTING FROM THE SECOND MONDAY OF MAY 2015, EXCEPT  
9 THAT OF ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
10 SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN: *PROVIDED*, THAT ALL LOCAL OFFICIALS  
11 FIRST ELECTED DURING THE LOCAL ELECTIONS ON THE SECOND  
12 MONDAY OF MAY 2010, SHALL SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR  
13 ELECTION OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, WHICH SHALL BE ON THE SECOND  
14 MONDAY OF MAY 2015.

15 "(b) No local elective official shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms  
16 in the same position. Voluntary renunciation of the office for any length of time  
17 shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of service for the full  
18 term for which the elective official concerned was elected.

19 **Section 2.** Sec. 74 of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 "SEC. 74. *Limitations on Recall.* (a) Any elective local official may be the subject  
21 of a recall election only once during his term of office for loss of confidence.

22 (b) No recall shall take place within one (1) year from the date of the official's  
23 assumption to office or one (1) year immediately preceding a regular local  
24 election, EXCEPT BARANGAY OFFICIALS.

25 (C) NO RECALL OF ANY BARANGAY OFFICIAL SHALL TAKE PLACE WITHIN  
26 TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE OFFICIAL'S ASSUMPTION TO  
27 OFFICE OR TWO (2) YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING A REGULAR  
28 BARANGAY ELECTION.

29 **Section 3.** The provisions of this Act shall apply to the incumbent barangay officials.

1 **Section 4.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, letters of instructions, letters of  
2 implementations, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions  
3 of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

4 **Section 5.** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in at least  
5 two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

6 *Approved:*