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EXPLANATORY NOTE

R.A. 10742 otherwise known as AN ACT ESTABLISHING REFORMS IN THE SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN CREATING ENABLING MECHANISMS FOR MEANINGFUL YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN NATION-BUILDING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, defined the term "youth" as "those persons whose ages range from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years old as defined in Republic Act 8044." Although a person within this age range can vote for their officials, they are not qualified to run as an official of the Sangguniang Kabataan under Section 10 of the same law. This creates an absurd situation that the person who is represented in the Sangguniang Kabataan is not qualified to represent the youth of which he is a member. It is understandable that the minimum age qualification for a Sangguniang Kabataan official is Eighteen (18) and not Fifteen (15) years old, as required under Section 4 of Republic 10742, because that is the age of legal capacity. Thus, it is proposed that a person up to thirty (30) years of age, be qualified to run for Sangguniang Kabataan official.

In a democratic society, it is the will of the people that will prevail. The provision prohibiting those who are related within the second civil degree of consanguinity to an incumbent elected national official or to any incumbent elected regional, provincial, city, municipal or barangay official, in the locality where he or she seeks to be elected should be repealed. There is an election and the voters will decide on who they want to represent them regardless of their blood ties. The fact that they are related to an incumbent official is just incidental and does not affect the decision of the voters. We must let the people decide. Thus, it is proposed that this provision be deleted from Section 10 of Republic Act 10742.

It is for these reasons that I seek the approval of this bill.


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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10742, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "SANGGUNIAN
KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015"

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

SECTION 1. Section 10 of Republic Act No. 10743, hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 10. Qualifications – An official of the Sangguniang Kabataan, elective or appointee, must be a citizen of the Philippines, a qualified voter of the Katipunan ng Kabataan, and a resident of barangay for not less than one (1) year immediately preceding the day of the elections, **AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) BUT NOT MORE THAN THIRTY (30) YEARS OF AGE ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTIONS**, able to read and write Filipino, English or the local dialect, must not have been convicted by final judgment of any crime involving moral turpitude."

SECTION 2. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved