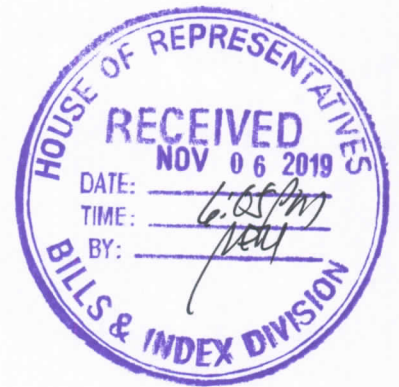


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5373

Introduced by **Hon. Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was previously filed by Representative Frederick F. Abueg as House Bill (H.B.) No. 5287 in the 16th Congress and as H.B. No. 1789 during the 17th Congress. It was referred to the Committee on Local Government.

H.B. No. 1789 states in its Explanatory Note, that:

"The proposed bill seeks to provide continuous and reliable public service at the barangay level by making the Barangay Secretary and the Barangay Treasurer regular plantilla positions and entitling them to benefits accorded to permanent government employees. Likewise, this bill aims to provide them security of tenure and restricts their removal from office unless for a just cause.

Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7160 otherwise known as the 'Local Government Code' provides that barangays, as the basic political unit, serve as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community. In relation to this, the Barangay Chairperson, with the concurrence of the majority of the Sangguniang Barangay Members, has the power to appoint a Barangay Secretary and a Barangay Treasurer during his term.

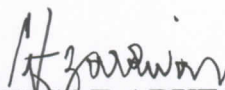
The Barangay Secretary is in charge of keeping the barangay records, preparing necessary documents and agenda of the meetings, taking down the minutes of meetings, and other duties of similar nature and analogous to those already mentioned. On the other hand, the Barangay Treasurer has the responsibility of collecting and issuing official receipts for taxes or payments accruing to the barangay treasury, disbursing of funds in accordance with the procedures prescribed by law, providing an inventory of all barangay assets under his custody and other duties as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

Indeed, the Barangay Secretary and Barangay Treasurer are burdened by the bulk of administrative work on their shoulders. Yet, their compensation in the form of honoraria is inadequate for the gravity of work they perform.

Present circumstances show that whenever there is a newly-elected Barangay Chairperson to assume office, there would also be a new Barangay Secretary and Barangay Treasurer to be appointed. This results to disorganization of records as well as finances of the barangay unit. Such a system unduly compromises the efficiency and effectiveness of our political unit at the barangay level. Moreover, every person to be appointed anew would require a certain amount of time to learn the fundamentals of the job before he can fully master the responsibilities attached with such positions.

The system would follow that of the Sangguniang Bayan and Sangguniang Panlalawigan where the Secretary is a career official, having a regular item in the plantilla of personnel of the Sanggunian."

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
MAKING THE BARANGAY SECRETARY AND THE BARANGAY
TREASURER REGULAR PLANTILLA POSITIONS AND ENTITLING THEM
TO SECURITY OF TENURE AND OTHER BENEFITS

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

1 SECTION 1. The positions of the Barangay Secretary and the Barangay
2 Treasurer are hereby made regular plantilla positions. All Barangay Secretaries
3 and Barangay Treasurers shall enjoy security of tenure and cannot be removed
4 unless for a just cause. They shall likewise enjoy the benefits accorded to
5 permanent government employees, subject to the guidelines of the Civil Service
6 Commission (CSC).

7 SEC. 2. The Civil Service Commission, in coordination with the
8 Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of
9 Budget and Management (DBM), shall formulate and issue the necessary rules,
10 orders and circulars to implement the provisions of this Act.

1 SEC. 3. All other laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or
2 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
3 amended or modified accordingly.

4 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the
5 Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,