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HOUSE BILL NO. 4567

Introduced by
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Honorable ANNA MARIE VILLARAZA-SUAREZ and
Honorable ALETA C. SUAREZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The terms of office of barangay and SK officials have varied over the years. The Local Government Code (LGC) enacted in 1991 initially set their terms to 3 years, then this was changed to 5 years, then back to 3 years again.

Three (3) years is definitely too short and is not enough time for the barangay officials to provide any significant programs and projects while five (5) years is too long for a non-performing barangay official, thus this bill is earnestly sought.

The proposed measure is an offshoot of the calls from members of the Liga ng mga Barangay to be granted "a fixed term that will give them enough time to implement and promote long-term programs and advocacies without interruption and political interference.

The proposed measure will be good for barangay officials once it is passed since majority of the barangay officials and volunteers receive so small, far below minimum in terms of salaries

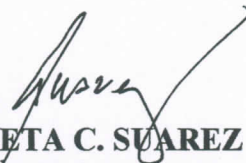
or wages and even benefits, especially those who belong to third class and below category municipalities, given that these barangay officials and volunteers are tasked to do so much.



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AN ACT
CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND
MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN FROM THREE YEARS TO FOUR
YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 43 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
OF 1991

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

SECTION 1. Section 43 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 43. Term of office. – (a) The term of office of all elective officials elected after the effectivity of this Code shall be three years, starting from noon of June 30, 1992 or such date as may be provided for by law, except that of elective barangay officials and members of the sangguniang kabataan: *Provided*, That all local officials first elected during the local elections immediately following the ratification of the 1987 Constitution shall serve until noon of June 30, 1992.

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

“(c) The term of barangay officials and members of the sangguniang kabataan shall be for [~~THREE (3)~~] **FOUR (4)** years, which shall begin [~~AFTER~~] **IN THE NEXT** regular election of barangay officials **AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN** on the second Monday of May 1994:

SEC. 2. R.A. No. 9164, as amended by R.A. No. 9340, R.A. 10656, R.A. No. 10742, and R.A. 10952, are hereby amended and modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. Separately Clause. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections, or provisions hereof shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

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

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.