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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines has just concluded the National and Local Elections last May 9, 2016 which has been very costly for the government. Thus, it will be impractical to hold another election exercise within the same year. Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections to be held on October 31, 2016 should be postponed to the last Monday of October 2018 to allow the government recover from the election expenses incurred during the 2016 National and Local Elections. It will also allow the Commission on Elections to better prepare for the same.

It is also proposed that in succeeding years, the Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall not be held in the same year as any national or local elections. This will avoid overspending on election expenses within any given year.

It is for these reasons that I seek for the immediate enactment of this law.


JULIET MARIE D. FERRER

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AN ACT
POSTPONING THE SYNCHRONIZED SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO THE
LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2018, AND EVERY THREE (3) YEARS THEREAFTER

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 930 and Republic Act No. 10632 and Republic Act no. 10656 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. Date of Election. – There shall be synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections which shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2006 and every three (3) years thereafter:

Provided. That the sangguniang kabataan and barangay elections on October 31, 2016 shall be postponed to the **LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2018 AND EVERY THREE (3) YEARS HEREAFTER.**

Provided further. That in no case shall the synchronized sangguniang kabataan and barangay elections be held in the same year as any national or local elections.”

SECTION 2. The Commission on Elections and the Department of Interior and Local Government shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this act within thirty (30) days after its effectivity.

SECTION 3. 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executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.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 4. This Act shall take effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.