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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislative measure aims to postpone and/or reset the scheduled Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections on May 2020 to a later date in October 2023.

The last Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections was held last October 2018, by virtue of Republic Act No. 10952, but the succeeding synchronized elections is scheduled this coming May 2020. This in effect shortened the term of office of our incumbent barangay officials, which in turn hamper the delivery of our barangay officials their services and programs to their respective constituencies.

For these reasons, this measure seeks to rectify the shortened term of office of our Barangay Officials for them to implement the government's programs and services in their localities. Hence, the postponement of the upcoming May 2020 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections to October 2023 is ultimately beneficial to the Filipino people.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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1 **AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND**
2 **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE**
3 **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC**
4 **ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923 AND**
5 **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952**

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

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9 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340,
10 Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923, and Republic Act No. 10952, is hereby
11 further amended to read as follows:

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13 “SECTION 1. Date of Election. – There shall be synchronized
14 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections, which shall be held on July
15 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan
16 elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2007 and every three
17 (3) years thereafter: *Provided, That the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan*
18 *elections on the second Monday of May 2020 shall be postponed to the last*
19 *Monday of October 2023. Subsequent synchronized Barangay and*
20 *Sangguniang Kabataan Elections shall be held on the last Monday of*
21 *October 2026 and every three (3) years thereafter.”*

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23 **SECTION 2.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340,
24 Republic Act No. 10923, and Republic Act No. 10952, is hereby further amended to read
25 as follows:

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27 “SECTION 4. Assumption of Office. – The term of office of the
28 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials elected under this Act shall
29 commence at noon of November 30 next following their election: *Provided,*
30 *however, That the term of office of the Barangay and Sangguniang*
31 *Kabataan officials elected in the October 2023 Elections and subsequently*

1 thereafter, shall commence at noon of November 30 next following their
2 election.”
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4 **SECTION 3. Hold Over.** – Until their successors shall have been duly elected and
5 qualified, all incumbent Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials shall remain in
6 Office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause.
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8 **SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The COMELEC shall, within ninety
9 (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, promulgate such rules and regulations necessary
10 to implement this Act.
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12 **SECTION 5. Separability Clause.** – If any provision or part hereof is declared
13 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected shall remain in
14 full force and effect.
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16 **SECTION 6. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules
17 and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
18 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
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20 **SECTION 7. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in
21 the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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23 *Approved.*
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