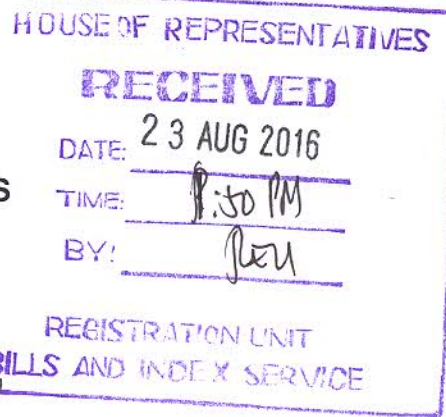


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3197



Introduced by CIBAC Party List Representative
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AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO FIVE (5) YEARS AND RESETTING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the current administration's goals is to increase spending for public infrastructure. This is to make up for past neglect, create decent jobs, modernize the crumbling public infrastructure and propel the economy to a higher and sustainable growth path. The conduct of recently concluded May 9, 2016 elections cost nine (9) billion pesos. On October 31, 2016, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) is again supposed to hold the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Elections.

The proposed measure seeks to reset the upcoming synchronized Barangay and SK elections from October 31, 2016 to the last Monday of October 2018, or two (2) years thereafter. This proposal takes into consideration the plan of the current administration to improve public infrastructure in the Philippines and harmonizes it with the savings that the government can make when the synchronized Barangay and SK elections are reset to a date two (2) years after. The new administration is in its early stages of laying down its projects on infrastructure and social services which may be hampered by the election ban mandated by our laws in case COMELEC holds the Barangay and SK elections this October. Therefore, in order to support the government's initiatives and save funds, there is a need to reset the upcoming the Barangay and SK elections. Furthermore, the extension of the term of office of elected barangay officials and the subsequent postponement of elections will give Congress time and opportunity to study how barangays could be further empowered and to possibly pass reforms and amendments to existing laws.

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


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*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.
9340 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 synchronized barangay and
sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the last
Monday of October 2017 and every three (3) years thereafter;
PROVIDED, THAT THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG
KABATAAN ELECTIONS ON OCTOBER 31, 2016 SHALL BE
POSTPONED TO THE LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2018.
SUBSEQUENT SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND
SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS SHALL BE HELD
EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS THEREAFTER."

SECTION 2. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9164 is hereby amended to read as
follows:

"SEC. 2. Term of Office. - The term of office of all barangay
and sangguniang kabataan officials after the effectivity of this
Act shall be [three (3)] FIVE (5) years."

SECTION 3. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164 as amended by Republic Act No.
9340, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. Assumption of Office. - THE TERM OF OFFICE OF
THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN

1 OFFICIALS ELECTED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL COMMENCE
2 AT NOON OF NOVEMBER 30, NEXT FOLLOWING THEIR
3 ELECTION."
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5 **SECTION 4.** The provision on Hold-Over capacity under Section 5 of Republic Act
6 No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340, shall remain applicable and in full
7 force under this Act.
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9 **SECTION 5. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary for the implementation of this
10 Act shall be taken from the appropriations of the Commission on Elections
11 (COMELEC) under the General Appropriations Act and/or supplementary
12 appropriations thereafter.
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14 **SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** The COMELEC shall
15 promulgate such rules and regulations necessary within thirty (30) days after its
16 effectivity to implement this Act.
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18 **SECTION 7. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act is declared
19 unconstitutional, the other provisions shall remain valid.
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21 **SECTION 8. Repealing Clause.** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or
22 parts thereof inconsistent with the Act or the rules and regulations promulgated
23 pursuant thereto are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.
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25 **SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
26 publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.
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28 Approved,