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Submitted by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms on

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:

House Bill No. 3504

Recommending Its Approval In Substitution Of House Bill Nos. 604, 657, 900, 1290, 1464, 1628, 2329, 3158, 3197, 3198, 3225, 3384 and House Resolution No. 51

Sponsors: The Honorable Representatives Pantaleon D. Alvarez, Rodolfo C. Fariñas, Danilo E. Suarez, Sherwin N. Tugna, Pedro B. Acharon, Jr., Raneo E. Abu, Mercedes K. Alvarez, Fredenil H. Castro, Pia S. Cayetano, Gwendolyn F. Garcia, Mylene J. Garcia-Albano, Sharon S. Garin, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Romero S. Quimbo, Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema and Eric D. Singson

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, to which were referred:

House Bill No. 604, introduced by Hon. Edgar R. Erice, entitled:

"AN ACT

POSTPONING THE DATE OF THE BARANGAY ELECTIONS TO OCTOBER 2018
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340"

House Bill No. 657, introduced by Hon. Jerry P. Treñas, entitled:

"AN ACT

RESETTING THE 2016 BARANGAY ELECTIONS TO THE LAST MONDAY OF 2018, AND EVERY FIVE YEARS THEREAFTER, AND SETTING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ELECTED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS TO FIVE YEARS"

House Bill No. 900, introduced by Hon. Salvio B. Fortuno, entitled:

"AN ACT

RESETTING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 9164, AS AMENDED BY
REPUBLIC ACTS NUMBERED 9340 AND 10632 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 1290, introduced by Hon. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte, Jr., entitled:

"AN ACT

POSTPONING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO THE LAST MONDAY OF FEBRUARY 2017, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164 AS AMENDED, ENTITLED, AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 1464, introduced by Hon. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, entitled:

"AN ACT

POSTPONING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164 AS AMENDED,
ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND
SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING REPBLIC ACT NO. 7160 AS
AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 1628, introduced by Hon. Gwendolyn F. Garcia, entitled:

"AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE POSTPONEMENT AND RESETTING OF THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 2329, introduced by Hon. Juliet Marie J. Ferrer, entitled:

"AN ACT

POSTPONING THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTION TO THE LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2018, AND EVERY THREE (3) YEARS THEREAFTER"

House Bill No. 3158, introduced by Hons. Rodel M. Batocabe, Alfredo A. Garbin and Christopher S. Co, entitled:

"AN ACT

EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS,
POSTPONING 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"

House Bill No. 3197, introduced by Hon. Sherwin Tugna, entitled:

"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"

House Bill No. 3198, introduced by Hon. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, entitled:

"AN ACT

AMENBDING SECTIONS 1 AND 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, RESETTING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 3225, introduced by Hon. Gus S. Tambunting, entitled:

"AN ACT

TO POSTPONE THE CONDUCT OF THE 2016 BARANGAY ELECTIONS AND TO RESET THE SAME TO COINCIDE WITH THE 2019 MIDTERM ELECTIONS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340"

House Bill No. 3384, introduced by Hons. Pantaleon D. Alvarez, Rodolfo C. Fariñas, Danilo E. Suarez, Sherwin N. Tugna, Pedro B. Acharon, Jr., Raneo E. Abu, Mercedes K. Alvarez, Fredenil H. Castro, Pia S. Cayetano, Gwendolyn F. Garcia, Mylene J. Garcia-Albano, Sharon S. Garin, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Romero S. Quimbo, Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema and Eric D. Singson, entitled:

"AN ACT

POSTPONING 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"

and House Resolution No. 51, introduced by Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340"

"AN ACT

POSTPONING 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, PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3384, House Resolution No. 51 and House Bill Nos. 604, 657, 900, 1290, 1464, 1628, 2329, 3158, 3197, 3198 and 3225 with Reps. Pantaleon D. Alvarez, Rodolfo C. Fariñas, Danilo E. Suarez, Sherwin N. Tugna, Pedro B. Acharon, Jr., Raneo E. Abu, Mercedes K. Alvarez, Fredenil H. Castro, Pia S. Cayetano, Gwendolyn F. Garcia, Mylene J. Garcia-Albano, Sharon S. Garin, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Romero S. Quimbo, Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema, Eric D. Singson, Edgar R. Erice, Jonas C. Cortes, Joseph Stephen S. Paduano, Peter John D. Calderon, Wilfredo S. Caminero, Abigail Faye C. Ferriol-Pascual, Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, Gavini C. Pancho, Emmanuel A. Billones, Melecio J. Yap, Jr., Carlos O. Cojuangco, Jose I. Tejada, Jesulito A. Manalo, Suharto T. Mangudadatu, Rodel M. Batocabe, Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera, Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento. Michelle M. Antonio, Nancy A. Catamco, Juliet Marie D. Ferrer, Wilter Wee Palma, II, Aurora Enerio Cerilles, Divina Grace C. Yu, Prospero A. Pichay, Jr., Celso L. Lobregat. Manuel Jose M. Dalipe, Oscar S. Garin, Jr., Arnolfo A. Teves, Jr., Jerry P. Treñas, Arcadio H. Gorriceta, Raul C. Tupas, Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba, Ramon V. A. Rocamora, Rodante D. Marcoleta, Kaka J. Bag-ao, Arnel M. Cerafica, Salvador B. Belaro, Jr., Enrico A. Pineda, Makmod D. Mending, Jr., Mauyag B. Papandayan, Jr., Jose Carlos L. Cari, SittiDjalia A. Turabin-Hataman, Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario, III, Ana Cristina Siquian Go, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Ann K. Hofer, Florencio T. Flores, Jr., M.D., Rodriguez, Jr., Isagani S. Amatong, Rogelio D. Pacquiao, Jose Enrique S. Garcia, Josephine Ramirez-Sato, Francisco Jose F. Matugas, II, Julieta R. Cortuna, Dale R. Malapitan, Gary C. Alejano, Edwin C. Ong, John Marvin C. Nieto, Tobias M. Tiangco, Joaquin M. Chipeco, Jr., Eric M. Martinez, Manuel Luis T. Lopez, Gabriel H. Bordado, Luis Jose Angel N. Campos, Jr., Rolando G. Andaya, Jr., Michael John R. Duavit, Juan Pablo Bondoc, Aurelio D. Gonzales, Jr., Roger G. Mercado, Len B. Alonte-Naguiat, Arlene B. Arcillas, Anna Katrina M. Enverga, Rosanna V. Vergara, Bernadette Herrera-Dy, Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez, Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte, Jr., Corazon N. Nuñez-Malanyaon, Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos, Cristal L. Bagatsing, Gerald Anthony V. Gullas, Jr., Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez, Dennis C. Laogan, Vicente S.E. Veloso, Jorge T. Almonte, Glona G. Labadlabad, Alexandria P. Gonzales, Micaela S. Violago, Ruby M. Sahali, Lorna C. Silverio, Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Delphine Gan Lee, Aniceto D. Bertiz, III, Juliette T. Uy, Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., Evelyn P. Mellana, Maria Valentina G. Plaza, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Sandra Y. Eriguel, M.D., Geraldine B. Roman, Deogracias Victor B. Savellano, Ma. Theresa

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HOUSE BILL NO. <u>3504</u>
(In substitution to HB Nos. 604, 657, 900, 1290, 1464, 1628, 2329, 3158, 3197, 3198, 3225, 3384 and HR No. 51)

Introduced by the Honorable Representatives

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AN ACT

POSTPONING 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, PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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:

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11 12 "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 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter;

PROVIDED, THAT THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS ON OCTOBER 31, 2016 SHALL BE POSTPONED TO THE FOURTH MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2017. SUBSEQUENT SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS SHALL BE HELD ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF MAY 2020 AND EVERY THREE (3) YEARS THEREAFTER"

SEC. 2. 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 officials elected under this Act shall commence at noon of November 30 next following their election."

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS ELECTED IN THE MAY 2020 ELECTIONS AND SUBSEQUENTLY THEREAFTER, SHALL COMMENCE AT NOON OF JUNE 30 NEXT FOLLOWING THEIR ELECTION."

SEC. 3. *Hold-Over.* - Until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, all incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause.

SEC. 4. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 6679 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Ban on Government Projects. – The construction or maintenance of [provincial, city, municipal and] barangay-funded roads and bridges shall be prohibited for a period of ten (10) days immediately preceding the date of election, the provisions of Section 261, paragraphs (v) and (w), of the Omnibus Election Code to the contrary notwithstanding."

SEC. 5. Prohibition on Appointments of Government Officials and Employees. – The appointment or hiring of new employees, creation of new position, promotion, or giving of salary increases, remuneration or privileges in the barangay shall be prohibited for a period of ten (10) days immediately preceding the election, the provisions of section 261, paragraph (g), of the Omnibus Election Code to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 6. Use of Appropriations. – The following appropriations for the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall be considered as continuing appropriations and shall be used exclusively for the conduct of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan registration and elections:

a) The amount of nine hundred thirty-six million one hundred twenty-nine thousand Pesos (P936,129,000) appropriated for the sangguniang kabataan elections and one hundred fifty-five million one hundred sixty-seven thousand Pesos (P155,167,000) appropriated for the sangguniang kabataan registration under Republic Act No. 10651, otherwise known as the 2015 General Appropriations Act; and

b) The amount of five billion nine hundred ninety-four million two hundred forty-three thousand Pesos (P5,994,243,000) for the sangguniang kabataan and barangay elections and five hundred six million two hundred seventy four thousand Pesos (P506,274,000) appropriated for the sangguniang kabataan and barangay elections under Republic Act No. 10717 otherwise known as the 2016 General Appropriations Act.

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SEC. 7. Use of Sangguniang Kabataan Fund. – Until the new sangguniang kabataan officials shall have been duly elected and qualified, the sangguniang barangay shall not use the sangguniang kabataan fund except for youth development

- and empowerment programs as provided in Republic Act No. 10742, otherwise known as "The Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015".
- 3 SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The COMELEC shall, within ninety
- 4 (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, promulgate such rules and regulations
- 5 necessary to implement this Act.
- 6 SEC. 9. Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof is declared
- 7 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected shall remain
- 8 in full force and effect.
- 9 **SEC. 10.** *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

12 Approved.

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