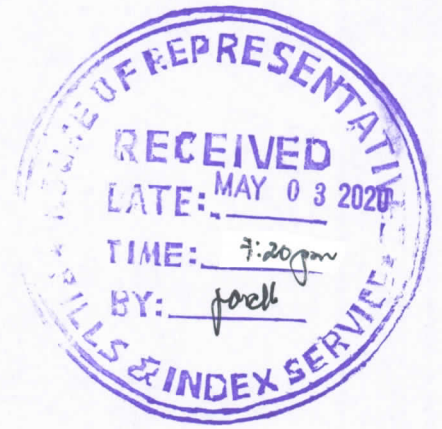


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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 805



Introduced by **MAGDALO PARTY-LIST Representative**
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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, CONSISTEN WITH THE PROVISION UNDER SECTION 521 OF THE SAID ACT TO MAKE IT MORE RESPONSIVE AND RELEVANT TO THE CURRENT CHALLENGES IN LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code was enacted into law on 1991 by then President Corazon Aquino, and was heralded as a much needed public sector reform which significantly improved the capability of local governments in providing social services to their constituents;

WHEREAS, the said Act devolved some functions of the national government to local political units – provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays, mandated that local government units (LGUs) get a share in the national revenue, and gave LGUs taxing powers so they can generate more revenues;

WHEREAS, since its enactment almost three decades ago, only piecemeal amendments were introduced to several provisions of the Code that does not address the foundational concerns of the LGUs;

WHEREAS, Section 521 of the Local Government Code mandates that the Code be reviewed every five (5) years, Section 521 of RA 7160 provides, “Congress shall undertake a mandatory review of this Code at least once every five (5) years and as often as it may deem necessary, with the primary objective of providing a more responsive and accountable local government structure”;

WHEREAS, three administrations failed to implement the mandated review provided under the Local Government Code which could have been an opportunity to revisit and assess some of the provisions of the Code;

WHEREAS, local officials and experts in local governance cite several provisions in the Code that needs to be reviewed or amended which include provisions that deal with the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK), the functions devolved to the local governments, the formula for computing the internal revenue allotment, as well as the need to synchronize the provisions of the Code with the newer laws which may have an effect to the LGUs;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the House of Representatives to initiate the legislative task of reviewing the Local Government Code of 1991 and introduce the necessary amendments to enable LGUs to effectively address the concerns of their constituents with an updated Code;

WHEREAS, several measures were referred to and was deliberated on by the House Committee on Local Government which were meant to amend different provisions of the Code;

WHEREAS, it is therefore appropriate for the House Committee on Local Government to conduct a comprehensive review of the Local Government Code of 1991 consistent with the provision under Section 521 of the Code to make it responsive and relevant to the current challenges in local administration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it hereby resolved by the House of Representatives of the Philippines, to direct the House Committee on Local Government to conduct a comprehensive review of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, consistent with the provision under Section 521 of the said Act to make it more responsive and relevant to the current challenges in local administration.

Adopted,



MANUEL DG. CABOCHAN III

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