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HOUSE BILL NO. 2531

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The significant roles that barangays play are prudently recognized in the Local Government Code of the Philippines. As the basic political unit, the barangay serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community, and as a form wherein collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled. Accordingly, it is of great significance that we provide a decent atmosphere and conditions for our barangay officials to successfully carry out their roles for the benefit of their constituents. Thus, this proposed measure.

This bill seeks to amend the existing laws covering the barangay and local elections. As a former local chief executive, this representation believes that postponing the May 2020 elections would give the more than 670,000 incumbent barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) officials of the country's 41,948 barangays adequate time to successfully implement the initiatives that they currently have in their respective constituencies. This proposed measure will also provide the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) liberal time to prepare for the next barangay and SK elections. More importantly, this would give our Filipino youth adequate time to register as voters and actually partake in the elections.

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

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AN ACT

POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO OCTOBER 2022, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952, 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. 10952 is hereby further amended 1 2 to read as follows: "Sec. 1. Date of Election. — There shall be synchronized barangay and 3 Sangguniang Kabataan elections, which shall be held on July 15, 2002. 4 Subsequent synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections 5 shall be held on the last Monday of October 2007 and every three (3) years 6 thereafter: Provided, That the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections 7 on October 23, 2007 shall be postponed to the second Monday of May 2018. 8 Subsequent synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections 9 shall be held on the second Monday of October [2020] 2022 and every three 10 (3) years thereafter." 11 SECTION 2. Hold Over. — Until the successors shall have been duly elected 12 and qualified under this Act, all incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office, 13 unless sooner removed or suspended for cause. 14

1	SECTION 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — The Commission on
2	Elections within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, shall promulgate
3	such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.
4	SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules or
5	regulations or parts thereof contrary to and inconsistent with the provisions of
6	this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
7	SECTION 5. Separability Clause. — If any section or provision of this Act is
8	declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act or any section
9	not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
10	SECTION 6. Effectivity. — This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days
11	after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (w) newspapers of general
12	circulation.
13	Approved,