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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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House Bill No. **625**

Introduced by **Representative JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO**

This bill seeks to postpone the May 11, 2020 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Elections to the second Monday of May 2023 or a year after the 2022 National and Local Elections, and to schedule the succeeding Barangay and SK Elections on the second Monday of May 2026 and every three years thereafter.

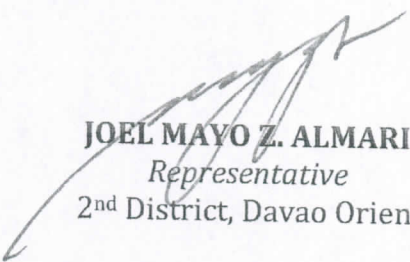
In most communities, the May 14, 2018 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections was highly divisive and polarizing. Constituents chose a candidate based on who they believed could provide them a better future - eventually seeding contempt for those who did not share the same opinions. Name-calling, broken friendships, and even fighting among family members became the norm as community members campaigned for their chosen leaders. This was further aggravated by the May 13, 2019 National and Local Elections with spite and antagonism intensifying based on political beliefs and perceived right or wrong leaders.

The rebuilding of community ties and relationships will only truly begin when the newly elected officials take their respective positions and start working with their constituents through their community leaders. Conducting the 2020 Barangay and SK elections merely a year after the 2019 National and Local Elections - when healing is precarious and superficial - will only further divide these communities.

For genuine reconciliation and continuity in growth and progress, the newly elected national and local officials can work better if allowed to work longer with incumbent barangay and SK officials rather than introducing another set of officials merely a year after taking office.

Postponing the barangay elections from 2020 to 2023 will negate the adverse impact of a divided community while enhancing the headway made by the incumbent SK, barangay, local and national officials.

Support for this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 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:

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

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4 "SECTION 1. Date of Election. – there shall be
5 synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan
6 elections, which shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent
7 synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections
8 shall be held on the last Monday of October 2007 and every
9 three (3) years thereafter;

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11 **PROVIDED, THAT THE BARANGAY AND**
12 **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS ON MAY 11, 2020**
13 **SHALL BE POSTPONED TO THE SECOND MONDAY OF**
14 **MAY 2023. SUBSEQUENT SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY**
15 **AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS SHALL BE**
16 **HELD ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF MAY 2026 AND**
17 **EVERY THREE (3) YEARS THEREAFTER"**
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1 **SECTION 2.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164 as amended by Republic Act No. 9340
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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4 “SECTION 4. Assumption of Office. – The term of
5 office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials
6 elected under this Act shall commence on noon of November
7 30 next following their election.
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9 **PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TERM OF**
10 **OFFICE OF THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG**
11 **KABATAAN OFFICIALS ELECTED IN THE MAY 2023**
12 **ELECTIONS AND SUBSEQUENTLY THEREAFTER, SHALL**
13 **COMMENCE AT NOON OF JUNE 30 NEXT FOLLOWING**
14 **THEIR ELECTION.”**
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16 **SECTION 3.** Until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, all
17 incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office, unless sooner removed or
18 suspended for cause.
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20 **SECTION 4.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 6679 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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22 “SECTION 3. Ban on Government Projects. – The
23 construction or maintenance of barangay-funded roads and
24 bridges shall be prohibited for a period of ten (10) days
25 immediately preceding the date of election, the provisions
26 of Section 261, paragraphs (v) and (w), of the Omnibus
27 Election Code to the contrary notwithstanding.”
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29 **SECTION 5.** The appointment or hiring of new employees, creation of new positions,
30 promotions, or giving of salary increases, remuneration or privileges in the barangay
31 shall be prohibited for a period of ten (10) days immediately preceding the date of
32 election, the provision of Section 261, paragraph (g), of the Omnibus Election Code to
33 the contrary notwithstanding.
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35 **SECTION 6.** The COMELEC shall, within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this
36 Act, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation
37 of this Act.
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1 **SECTION 7.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional,
2 the remaining provisions or part hereof not otherwise affected thereby shall remain
3 valid and subsisting.

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5 **SECTION 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
6 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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Approved.