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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3268

Introduced by Honorable Mark O. Go

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Barangay is mandated by the Local Government Code to serve as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled.

The election for the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials is provided under Republic Act No. 9164 that mandates the conduct of a synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections. RA 9164 was subsequently amended by Republic Acts Nos. 9340, 10632, 10656, 10923 and 10952 that provided for the postponement of scheduled elections based on valid justifications.

This proposed measure seeks to postpone the May 11, 2020 Barangay and SK elections to address the interruption in the term of Barangay and SK officials that will allow our incumbent officials to continue to perform their functions and to achieve their goals that they have set in their respective program of actions and long term plan for their barangays.

This bill will revert back to October as the month for Barangay and SK Elections as set in RA 9164 that would fall within the year for the scheduled National and Local Elections but not synchronize.

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


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**AN ACT TO POSTPONE THE CONDUCT OF THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY
AND SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO.
9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, 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. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923 and Republic Act No. 10952, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. *Date of Election.*- There shall be synchronized barangay and sanggunian kabataan elections, which shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sanggunian kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter: *Provided*, That the barangay and sanggunian kabataan elections on [October 23, 2017] MAY 11, 2020 shall be postponed to the second Monday of [May 2018] OCTOBER 2022. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sanggunian kabataan elections shall be held on the second Monday of [May 2020] OCTOBER 2025 and every three (3) years thereafter."

SEC. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340, republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923 and Republic Act No. 10952, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC.4. *Assumption of Office.*- The term of office of the barangay and sanggunian kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence at noon of [June] NOVEMBER 30 next following their election: *Provided, however*, That the term of office of the barangay and sanggunian kabataan officials elected in the [May 2020] OCTOBER 2025

elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of [June] NOVEMBER 30 next following their election."

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — The Commission on Elections shall, within fifteen (15) days after the effectivity of this Act, promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* - All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of this Act; are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* — If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect immediately following the completion of its publication either in the *Official Gazette*, or in two (2) newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,