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HOUSE BILL NO. 6341



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

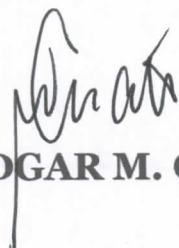
This bill seeks to professionalize the office of the Barangay Secretary and the Barangay Treasurer by granting them security of tenure, fixing their qualification standards, defining their salary and benefits, among others.

The barangay, as the most basic level of governance, serves such basic but primordial role in the delivery of public service and maintenance of public security. Many legislations are implemented at the barangay level. The barangays keep important data and exercises fiscal management. Hence, the importance of the positions of barangay secretary and barangay treasurer in document and data safekeeping as well as fiscal management recording, respectively.

The current practice in many of our barangays of changing the barangay secretary and barangay treasurer at every turn-over of leadership is counterproductive in the management, documentation, continuity and reliability of important barangay records.

Thus, the reforms proposed in the present bill seeks to guarantee professionalism and isolate the positions of barangay secretary and barangay treasurer from politics. This way, the manner of doing things and of keeping records at the barangay level will be ensured of efficiency and objectivity.

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


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AN ACT
MAKING THE POSITION OF BARANGAY SECRETARY AND BARANGAY
TREASURER PERMANENT AND AS SUCH ENTITLED TO SECURITY OF
TENURE, BENEFITS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Barangay Secretary and Treasurer Security of Tenure Act of 2020”.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – Public office is public trust. It is a policy of the State to render efficient service in all levels of governance including the barangay.

SECTION 3. Security of Tenure. – The positions of Barangay Secretary and barangay Treasurer are hereby declared permanent positions. They may be removed only in accordance with law.

SECTION 4. Qualifications. – To qualify for the position of Barangay Secretary and Barangay Treasurer, the candidates must be:

1. of good moral character;
2. a qualified voter and an actual resident of the barangay concerned;
3. a graduate of a bachelor's degree; and
4. civil service eligible.

SECTION 5. Qualification and Selection Process. – The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) shall prescribe the application, screening, qualification and selection process in the implementing rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. Appointment. – After the screening, qualification and selection, the Barangay Secretary and Barangay Treasurer shall be appointed by the Punong Barangay duly elected and qualified in the next barangay elections following the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 7. Powers and Duties. – The Barangay Secretary and Barangay Treasurer shall exercise the powers and duties prescribed in the Local Government Code of 1991.

SECTION 8. Salary Grade, Benefits and other Emoluments. – The positions of Barangay Secretary and Barangay Treasurer shall be equivalent to the rank of Administrative Officer II, or at least salary grade 15, subject to the applicable rate of pay in the municipality concerned. The Barangay Secretary and Barangay Treasurer shall be entitled to such benefits and emoluments as authorized by law.

SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the DILG and the CSC shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 10. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the DILG. Thereafter, such amount necessary for its continued operation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, executive issuances or letters of instruction, rules and regulations or any part thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Separability Clause. – If, for any reason or reasons, any part or parts of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by any competent court, other parts of this Act shall be thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,