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1464HOUSE BILL NO.



Introduced by REP. EDGAR MARY S. SARMIENTO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to postpone the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections slated this October 2016 and propose to conduct it simultaneously with the elections of delegates to the Constitutional Convention — the date of which is to be approved by both Senate and the Lower House.

The country has just concluded its 2016 National and Local Elections last May 9. If the synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections will push through on October 2016 thereby having two elections in a single calendar year — the COMELEC officials and employees, teachers, members of civic and religious organizations, public officials and the electorate may have limited turnaround time to once again start preparations for another crucial political activity. Moreover, a considerable amount of government expense will once again be incurred which could be used instead for other more pressing matters.

Furthermore, in view of the strong clamour for the amendment or revision of the Constitution through a Constitutional Convention under President Rodrigo Duterte's Administration, it is consequently prudent for the government to hold the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections simultaneously with the election of the delegates to the said convention in order to promote efficient use of government resources.

The approval of this bill is therefore earnestly requested.

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AN ACT POSTPONING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991', 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 and Republic Act No. 10632, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Date of Election. - There shall be synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections which shall be held on July 15, 2002. [Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday of October and every three (3) years thereafter.] THE SYNCHRONIZED **BARANGAY** AND **SANGGUNIANG** KABATAAN ELECTIONS SCHEDULED ON **OCTOBER** 2016 SHALL POSTPONED AND HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE ELECTION OF THE DELEGATES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. SUCCEEDING ELECTION SHALL BE HELD THREE (3) YEARS THEREAFTER.

Section 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. Assumption of Office. — The term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence on August 15, 2002, next following their elections. The term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the **ELECTION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES, AND** subsequent elections, shall commence at noon of the 30th day of the following month after their election."

Section 3. Hold Over — Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, pertaining to the holdover capacity of all incumbent barangay and sangunniang kabataan officials shall remain in force and effect.

Section 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations — The Commission on Elections and the Department of the Interior and Local Government shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act within thirty (30) days after its effectivity.

Section 5. Repealing Clause — All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity Clause — This Act shall take effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,