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HOUSE BILL NO. 2551



Introduced by **HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The May 2020 elections would cut the supposed three-year term in the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan to two years as these local officials were only elected to office last May 14, 2018. This also cuts the time to fully implement the programs the officials set out to achieve.

The Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials need ample time exercise their mandate to maintain public order and ensure the welfare of their constituents. Therefore, this bill proposes to move the May 2020 elections for Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan to October 2022 in order to ensure continuity and efficiency in the delivery of services and exercise of mandate.

Moving the scheduled elections would allow the local officials to effectively cater to the needs of the members of their communities without the pressure of a nearing deadline. This proposed bill is filed as a counterpart to Senator Bong Go's version in the Senate.

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, 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 to read as follows:

"Sec. 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 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter: Provided, That the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections on October 23, 2017 shall be postponed to the second Monday of May 2018. ***Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the second Monday of October 2022 and every three (3) years thereafter.***"

SECTION 2. *Hold Over* – Until the successors shall have been duly elected and

qualified, all incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – The Commission on Elections within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause* – All law, decrees, ordinances, rules or regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby expressly repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause* – If for any reason any section or provision of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected hereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity* – This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,