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Introduced by **Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

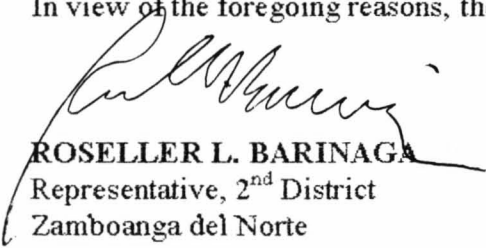
This bill seeks to provide for the appointment of representative from senior citizen sector as a member in every Sangguniang Barangay, Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panglunglunsod, and Sangguniang Panglalawigan.

Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1995* expressly ensure the representation of the youth of the Sangguniang Kabataan in every sangguian from barangay up to the provincial level. However, its counterpart, the elderly or senior citizen sector has been conveniently forgotten.

It must be emphasized that Republic Act No. 7432 otherwise known as the *Senior Citizens Acts* declares and among its objectives the motivation and encouragement of senior citizens to contribute in nation-building. Senior citizens especially those who had several important positions in the government and in the private sector can still be tapped to share their wealth of experience in crafting policies for the betterment of the community.

It is worthy to mention the projection made by the National economic Development Authority (NEDA) that the number of senior citizens will be increased by 455.20% from the 1990 level by year 2030 or about 14.5 million and this significant number must have a voice as far as decision and policy-making is concerned by giving them representation in every local legislative body.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the approval of this bill is highly recommended.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATION FROM THE
SENIOR CITIZEN SECTOR IN EVERY SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY,
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNSOD AND SANGGUNIANG
PANLALAWIGAN

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

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed by the Governor or mayor, as the case may be, a representative from the Senior Citizen sector into every Sangguniang Barangay, Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panlungsod and Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

SEC. 2. The Department of Interior and Local Government is hereby directed to issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provision of this Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

Approved.