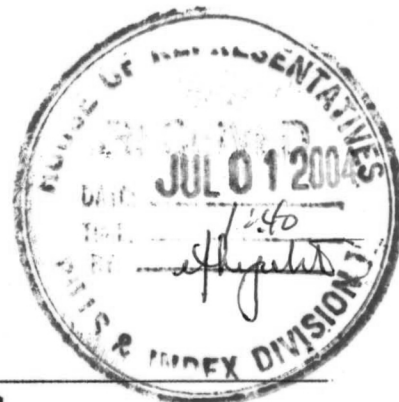


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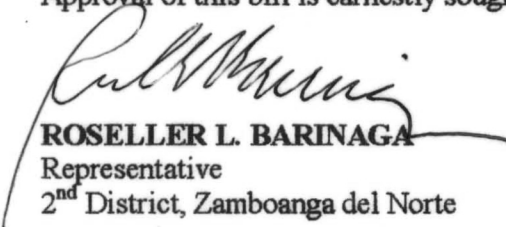
The Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) National Federation has demonstrated its capability to administer its affairs, activities and projects. Apparently, its leaders in all levels have fulfilled their task in expressing their views, aspirations and hopes in all venues where their participation is called upon.

In order to further enhance the potentials and capabilities of the Filipino youth, SK Federations nationwide must be given enough leeway in the conduct of their respective affairs. This can be made possible if they are provided with funds, a national headquarters with a national secretariat, autonomy in determining their goals and in implementing their programs. Moreover, this bill seeks to free the national president of SK from his/her responsibilities in the local councils so that he/she can attend to this duties and functions on a full-time basis.

Many criticisms have been hurled against SK because of irregularities during elections which are committed by their elders, not by themselves. Perhaps, it will be wiser if we nurture them properly. Giving them more responsibilities is one way of making them more effective. The autonomy that is implied in the bill is a relative autonomy, not an absolute one. If possible, we should always be where they are in order to guide, not to interfere.

If we care to have quality leaders in the future, let us join hands in supporting the youth leaders today because whatever experiences they may have now, whether good or bad, will become strong basis of their acts in the future.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE FEDERATION NG MGA SANGGUNANG KABATAAN
THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 436 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160 OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

Section 1. Section 436 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the local Government Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 436. Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan. – (a) There shall be an organization of all the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan to be known as follows:

- (1) In municipalities, pambayang pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan;
- (2) In cities, panglunsod na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan;
- (3) In provinces, panlalawigan na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan;
- (4) In special metropolitan political subdivisions, pangmetropolitang pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan;
- (5) On the national level, pambansang pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan.

(b) The pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan shall, at all levels, elect from among themselves the president, vice president, and such other officers as may be necessary and shall be organized in the following manner:

(1) The panlungsod and pambayang pederasyon shall be composed of the sangguniang kabataan chairman of barangays in the city or municipality, respectively;

(2) The panlalawigan pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan shall composed of president of the panlungsod and pambayang pederasyon:

(3) The pangmetropolitang pederasyon shall be composed of presidents of the panlungsod and pambayang pederasyon.

(c) The elected presidents of the pederasyon at the provincial, highly urbanized city, and Metropolitan political subdivision levels shall constitute the pambansang katipunan ng mga sangguniang kabataan.

(D) EACH MUNICIPALITY, CITY AND PROVINCE SHALL APPROPRIATE IN ITS ANNUAL BUDGET NO LESS THAN TEN PERCENT (10%) OF ITS ANNUAL INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS INITIATED BY THE PEDERASYON NG MGA SANGGUNIANG PROJECTS INITIATED BY THE PEDERASYON NG MGA SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN IN SAID LOCALITIES.

(E) THE PRESIDENT OF THE PAMBANSANG KATIPUNAN SHALL SERVE AS EX-OFFICIO COMMISSIONER OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION AS PROVIDED FOR BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8044. UPON ELECTION AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PEDERASYON WHICH HE IS PRESIDENT SHALL ASSUME HIS POSITION OF SAID PEDERASYON. AS EX-OFFICIO COMMISSIONER, HE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE SAME COMPENSATION, RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ENJOYED BY A FULL-TIME COMMISSIONER OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION.

(F) THE PAMBANSANG KATIPUNAN NG MGA SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SHALL MAINTAIN ITS OWN SECRETARIAT FOR EFFICIENT COORDINATION AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PROGRAMS. FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION SHALL ALLOCATE TO THE PAMBANSANG KATIPUNAN TEN MILLION PESOS (10,000,000.00) EVERY YEAR.

(G) THERE IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED FROM ANY FUNDS OF THE NATIONAL TREASURY NOT OTHERWISE APPROPRIATED THE SUM OF FIFTEEN MILLION PESOS IN THE NATIONAL BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR THAT THIS BILL IS ENACTED INTO LAW AND THE SAME AMOUNT EVERY CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER, AND UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

(H) THE PAMBANSANG PEDERASYON NG MGA SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SHALL BE INDEPENDENT OF ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND AGENCIES IN ITS OPERATIONS. IT SHALL DEVELOP ACTIVE LINES OF COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND AGENCIES AND SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ITS POLICIES AND OPERATIONS. AT THE END OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR, IT SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT OF ITS ACTIVITIES, RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR, TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THROUGH THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION.

(I) THE PAMBANSANG KATIPUNAN NG MGA SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE DONATIONS, BEQUEATHS, THE NET RECEIPT FROM ONE DRAW OF THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPTAKES OFFICE FOR WHICH PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPTAKES OFFICE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO HOLD ONE DRAW EVERY YEAR, AND FUNDS FROM OTHER SOURCES.

(J) THE PAMBANSANG KATIPUNAN NG MGA SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM ALL FORMS OF TAXATION OR OTHER IMPOSITIONS, AND SHALL BE FREE FROM ALL DUTIES AND ALL OTHER IMPOSTS ON ANY EQUIPMENT, ARTICLES OR GOODS WHICH IT MAY IMPORT WHEN NECESSARY FOR ITS OPERATIONS.

SEC. 2. All provisions of laws, orders and other rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly. However, all budgetary appropriations made by different government agencies involved in the activities of the Sangguniang Kabataan shall continue to be funded.

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

Approved.