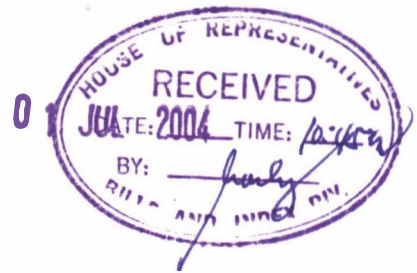


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Local Government Code specifically prohibits elected local government officials to serve in the same position for more than three (3) consecutive terms. After having serving their full mandated terms, there are some officials who would like to continue serving their local government units albeit as appointive officials or as part of the regular workforce of the bureaucracy. However, most of them are unable to do so due to their lack of civil service eligibility.

Civil service eligibility is one of the basic requisites in joining the government service. Permanent appointments and promotions largely depend on one's eligibility and are based on the merit and fitness standards set by the Civil Service Commission.

This proposed measure aims to promote the general welfare of the local government officials, and to encourage their efficiency and commitment to public service. This bill seeks to grant civil service eligibility to local government officials who have shown dedication and commitment in the course of his public service. This would ensure the presence of civil servants in the bureaucracy from the ranks of the local government units that are qualified and dedicated in serving the general public.

The Civil Service Commission, by virtue of Republic Act 6850, is able to grant civil service eligibility to government employees, provided that they met certain conditions. In addition, the Local Government Code grants civil service eligibility to barangay officials and SK officials based on the guidelines provided by the Civil Service Commission.

This is a way of recognizing the sincere efforts, commitment and contribution of our local government officials as partners of the national government in nation-building. It is just and apt that they are granted appropriate civil service eligibility so that they can be given an opportunity to continue serving the public and the government in a different capacity.

With the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is requested.

JURDIN JESUS M. ROMUALDO

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AN ACT
GRANTING APPROPRIATE CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY TO ELECTED LOCAL
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the general welfare of the local government officials to ensure their efficiency and commitment to public service. To attain this end, the State shall provide for a mechanism that will allow these public servants to continue serving the public through other means by granting them appropriate civil service eligibility after completion of their terms of office to enable them to join the government regular work force.

SEC. 2. *Scope.* Civil service eligibility may be granted to the following elected government officials:

1. Provincial Governor
2. Vice Governor
3. Regular members of the Sanggunian Panlalawigan
4. City Mayor
5. City Vice Mayor
6. Regular members of the Sanggunian Panlungsod
7. Municipal Mayor
8. Municipal Vice Mayor
9. Regular members of the Sanggunian Bayan
10. Sectoral Representatives to the various Sanggunians

SEC. 3. *Type of Civil Service Eligibility and Requirements.* Officials cited under the preceding section must have rendered an aggregate service of at least five (5) years in the local government unit they have served. He must be an official of good standing and must at least be a high school graduate.

Appropriate eligibility may be granted only upon submission of the following documents to the nearest regional office of the Civil Service Commission:

- a. Certified true copy of Service of Record;
- b. Certified true copy of Oath of Office; and
- c. Certified true copy of Certificate of Canvass of Votes and Proclamation of the Winning Candidate.

SEC. 4. *Prescriptive Period for Conferment of Eligibility.* Applicants shall be given a period of two (2) years after the five-year period requirement to comply with and submit the requirements stated in the preceding section to the nearest regional office of the Civil Service Commission.

Provided, however, That those who have rendered at least a total of six (6) years of government service prior to the approval of this Act will be given a period of one (1) year from the approval of this Act to comply with the requirements stated in the preceding section but this will be subjected to evaluation, verification and approval of the Civil Service Commission.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Agency.* The Civil Service Commission (CSC) shall have sole jurisdiction in the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Civil Service Commission shall also draft the necessary implementing rules and regulations of this Act in consultation with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). The implementing rules and regulations shall be published in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and shall be posted in a conspicuous place in all regional offices of the CSC and the DILG.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,