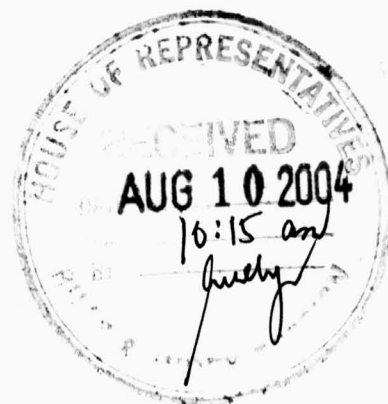


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HOUSE BILL NO. 2273



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7160 of the Local Government Code of 1991 recognizes the Sangguniang Kabataan as a body politic which will serve to encourage and strengthen the participation of the youth in its constitutional mandate as partners in nation building.

While there are incentives provided in the Code to attract our youth in developing their leadership skills through the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK), the experiences of the members have been discouraging rather than constructively encouraging.

If the government is sincere in imbuing in the youth tenets of empowerment, the situations that somehow hinder the fulfillment of the spirit of the Local Government Code should be eliminated.

This bill seeks to do away with the unpleasant experiences of the Sangguniang Kabataan in the release of the TEN PERCENT (10%) allocation due them. Oftentimes, they have to seek for the mercy of the Barangay Captains in order to have the allocation released to them. This early, these youths are being exposed to unnecessary politicking which is not the ideal way to enhance their leadership capabilities.

The bill as proposed provides for the automatic release of the funds due to the Sangguniang Kabataan after the approval of a budget the SK Chairman is supposed to prepare for ensuing fiscal year. In this way, the SK will become an independent body with its own plans and programs that is no longer at the mercy of the Barangay Captain who sometimes becomes partial and partisan.

Youth empowerment is a major thrust of the government. Ways and means should therefore be devised to put this policy to reality.

The approval of this proposed measure is most earnestly requested.

  
JUSTIN MARC SB. CHIPECO

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HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ **2273**

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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC RELEASE OF THE TEN PERCENT (10%)**  
**ALLOCATION TO THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF**  
**THE BARANGAY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 329 AND 331 OF**  
**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE**  
**OF 1991**

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

Section 1. SECTIONS 329 and 331 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 329. Barangay Funds. - Unless otherwise provided in this title, all the income of the barangay from whatever source shall accrue to its general fund and shall, at the option of the barangay concerned, be kept as trust fund in the custody of the City or Municipal Treasurer or be deposited in a bank, preferably government-owned, situated or nearest to its area of jurisdiction. Such funds shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of this Title. Ten percent (10%) of the general fund of the barangay shall be set aside for the Sangguniang Kabataan WHICH SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE RELEASED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED BUDGET OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN.”

“SECTION 331. Preparation of the Barangay Budget. - (a) Upon receipt of the statement of income and expenditures from the barangay treasurer, the punong barangay shall [re]are the barangay budget for the ensuing fiscal year in the manner and within the prescribed period in this Title. And submit the annual barangay budget to the Sangguniang Barangay for legislative enactment.

THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SHALL LIKEWISE BE FURNISHED WITH A COPY OF ESTIMATED INCOME TO DETERMINE THE ESTIMATED TEN PERCENT (10%) ALLOCATION TO THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN. FROM THIS ESTIMATED ALLOCATION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SHALL PREPARE THE PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES FOR ITS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR.

THE SANNGUNIANG KABATAAN BUDGET SHALL LIKEWISE BE SUBMITTED TO THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY FOR APROVAL TRHU LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT. ONCE APPROVED ITS RELEASED TO THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SHALL BE AUTOMATIC WITHOUT NEED OF ANY FURTHER ENDORSEMENT FROM THE BARANGAY CAPTAIN."

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. All provisions of law, order, decrees, including rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. If any part or parts of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.