

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2674



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Introduced by: **Rep. ROMUALDO T. VICENCIO**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This is a re-filed measure that seeks to grant civil service eligibility to elected local government officials from the Provincial Governor down to the Regular Members of the Sangguniang Bayan.

Civil service eligibility is one of the main requirements in joining the government service. Promotions and permanent appointments depend on one's eligibility and are based on merit and fitness standards promulgated by the Civil Service Commission.

It is ironic that elected local officials, after having faithfully served and upheld the best interest of the public service during their term cannot apply for and hold government positions thereafter unless they have taken and passed the civil service examinations.

This bill aims at providing 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. This will promote the general welfare of the local government officials to ensure their efficiency and commitment to public service. This is also a way of recognizing the sincere efforts, commitment and contribution of our local government officials as partners of the national government in nation building. So, it is just and proper that we grant them appropriate civil service eligibility.

In view of the foregoing, early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

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

SECTION 1. Career Service Professional eligibility shall be granted to all Provincial Governors, Vice Governors, City and Municipal Mayors who have rendered an aggregate service of at least three (3) years in the local government unit they have served regardless of their educational attainment.

SEC. 2. All Regular Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, City and Municipal Vice Mayors, Regular Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and Sangguniang Bayan who have held the position for at least three (3) years shall be granted the Career Service Professional eligibility provided that they have earned at least seventy-two (72) units in college or equivalent to second year; *Provided further*, that elected local government official who has not earned at least 72 units in college shall be granted Career Service Subprofessional eligibility.

SEC. 3. The Civil Service Commission shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

