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House Bill No. **3658**



Introduced by Honorable Consuelo A. Dy

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill intends to involve the sector of parents and teachers in very vital functions in the community, and in society. The sector of parents and teachers play a big role in the lives of students in school and in the community. In this case, decisions concerning the progress and development of students in school are normally discussed upon by members of PARENTS and TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS (PTAs).

PTAs have already grown in numbers and focus and continuously involved themselves in election information and education campaigns during elections. Activities of this sort illustrate the relevance of PTAs in educating minds and hearts in school and outside of it.

This bill is guided by certain provisions of the 1987 Constitution. To wit:

- (1) Sec. 23, Art. II which provides: "The State shall encourage non-governmental, community-based, or sectoral organizations that promote the welfare of the Nation."
- (2) Sec. 15, Art. XIII which provides: "The State shall respect the role of independent people's organizations to enable the people to pursue and protect, within the democratic framework their legitimate and collective interests and aspirations through peaceful and lawful means."
- (3) Sec. 16, Art XIII which provides: "The right of the people and their organizations to effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making shall not be abridged. The State shall, by law, facilitate the establishment of adequate consultation mechanisms."

When the Local Government Code was passed in 1991, it opened local governance to more sectors in society. In particular, Articles 446 (b) and 457 (b) allowed the greater participation of sectors such as women, agricultural or industrial workers, one from any other sector that included the urban poor, indigenous communities or disabled persons, in the sanggunians of municipal and city governments nationwide.

This bill intends to amend the said provisions in order to include the sector of PTAs. While the conditions and situations confronting the sectors mentioned in the said provisions might be entirely different from that of PTA members, still they play an important role because they are able to influence the drafting of local policies, spearhead community social development projects, and engage in activities such as election education.

The selection of a specific PTA to be represented in the municipal and local councils will be governed by the guidelines provided for by the Local Government Code of 1991.

In this light, passage of this bill is being earnestly sought.

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House Bill No. 3658

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AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 446 (b) AND 457 (b) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS (PTAs) IN MUNICIPAL AND CITY COUNCILS

SEC 1. Section 446. (b) under Article 3 shall be amended to read as follows:

“In addition thereto, there shall be three (3) sectoral representatives; one (1) from the women; and, as shall be determined by the sanggunian concerned within ninety (90) days prior to the holding of local elections, one (1) from the agricultural or industrial workers; and one (1) from the other sectors, including the urban poor, indigenous communities, PARENTS AND TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATIONS or disabled persons.”

SEC. 2. Section 457 (b) under Article 3 shall be amended to read as follows:

“In addition thereto, there shall be three (3) sectoral representatives; one (1) from the women; and, as shall be determined by the sanggunian concerned within ninety (90) days prior to the holding of local elections, one (1) from the agricultural or industrial workers; and one (1) from other the other sectors, including the urban poor, indigenous communities, PARENTS AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS or disabled persons.”

SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. – All regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby suspended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

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