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EXPLANATORY NOTE

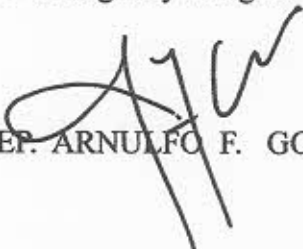
This measure seeks to postpone the scheduled synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections as scheduled in last Monday of October 2010.

The author respectfully posits that national interest impels the resetting of the forthcoming local elections. The government, at this time, may not be equipped with the huge amount of budgetary allocation to hold another elections, after the recently concluded automated May elections.

More importantly, the allocated budget should be channeled instead for the healing of casualties of recent catastrophes which include typhoon Ondoy, Pepeng and the lingering El Nino phenomenon. Urban cities and the countryside are in need of major infrastructure repair, and support for agriculture, to allow the country recover from its present economic quagmire.

Practically, postponement would also give the COMELEC more time to address the electoral contests filed in connection with the recently held elections prior to possibly facing a new set of electoral contests.

Hence, the enactment of this significant piece of legislation is urgently sought.


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AN ACT POSTPONING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND SYNCHRONIZING IT WITH THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON THE 2ND MONDAY OF MAY OF 2013 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

SECTION 1. Date of Election- The regular elections of barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials to be held on last Monday of October 2010, are hereby postponed and synchronized with the local elections which shall be held on 2nd Monday of May 2010. The next barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be held every three (3) years thereafter.

Subject to the existing law on automation, all barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be fully automated.

SECTION 2. Assumption of Office- The term of office of barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence at noon of June 30, next following their elections.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause- All laws, decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause- If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions shall not be affected and thereby remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete