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HOUSE BILL NO. 1511

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay elections should always be given utmost importance, barangay being a political subdivision closest to the hearts of the people.

This proposal seeks to amend the provisions of Republic Act No. 9164, otherwise known as "An Act Providing for Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections" with regard to the date set for the conduct of the same.

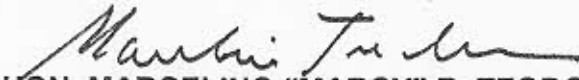
It must be remembered that the law under scrutiny (RA 9164) originally set the synchronised Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections on July 15, 2002 and every three (3) years thereafter, thus, elections should have been held in the year 2005, 2008, 2011 and so on. However, due to an amendatory legislation (RA 9340) that changed the scheduled barangay elections to "last Monday of October 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter," a situation came about in which two elections are held in a year's time. For year 2010, the country recently held an expensive automated presidential elections and will conduct another elections this October for the barangays.

Holding elections barely five months apart is highly divisive and counterproductive. More so, the election ban for two elections with a combined period of ninety (90) days will gravely affect crucial projects in the different districts nationwide, and would mean further delay of services, as well as, pump priming activities of the government in the countryside.

Hence, correcting the situation given above should be seriously considered for the best interest of the country, because by doing so our leaders would have ample time to provide the required fiscal and political readiness for each electoral exercise.

Still, in order not to unduly agonize or worry the electorate that wicked intent motivated this proposal, or that it improperly extends the term of office of incumbent officials, the bill proposes a change which will take effect four (4) years from now. The beauty of the measure, if acted upon as soon as possible, is that it will properly and timely inform the voters that the candidates elected this October 2010 will have a mandate until noon of June 30, 2014.

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


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AN ACT

AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED, CHANGING THE DATE OF
SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. *Date of Election.* – AFTER THE CONDUCT OF THE OCTOBER 2010 ELECTIONS, SUBSEQUENT [There shall be] synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections [which] shall be held on [July 15, 2002] **THE SECOND MONDAY OF MAY 2014**]. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2007] and every three (3) years thereafter."

"SUBJECT TO THE EXISTING LAW ON AUTOMATION, ALL BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS SHALL BE FULLY AUTOMATED."

SEC. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. *EXTENSION OF TERM/Assumption of Office.* – The term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence [on August 15, 2002] **AT NOON OF JUNE 30** next following their elections. [The term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the October 2007 election and subsequent elections shall commence at noon of November 30 next following their elections.]"

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,