



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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1617

Introduced by Honorable Isidro S. Rodriguez, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to reset the date for the October 2010 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections to the second Monday of October 2012, amending for the purpose Republic Act (RA) No. 9164, entitled "*An Act Providing for Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, Amending Republic Act No. 7160, As Amended, Otherwise Known As 'The Local Government Code of 1991, And For Other Purposes, As Amended.'*"

The *Liga ng mga Barangay ng Pilipinas*, Rizal Chapter, adopted Resolution No. 02, S. 2010 dated June 21, 2010, upholding the postponement of the October 2010 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections to October 2012.

Under RA 9164, the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections are set on the last Monday of October 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter.

This means the next election will be held this October 2010 or barely five (5) months after the recently concluded first automated national and local elections conducted last May 10, 2010.

The holding of another election before the end of this year would prove to be too tedious for the government noting that the set of newly elected officials are still assessing and addressing the issues and conditions in their offices or departments. The government has not completely recovered from the election fatigue, financial issues and political turbulence resulting from the recent electoral exercise. Clearly, the new government and Filipino people are more focused on vital projects and programs badly needed by the country. Hence, it would be more beneficial, in all respects, for the government to hold the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections originally scheduled on the last Monday of October 2010 to the last Monday of October 2012.

In view of the foregoing considerations, immediate approval of this bill is highly recommended.


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RESETTING THE SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, ENTITLED, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED'"

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 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. *Date of Election.* – There shall be synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections which shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday of October [2007] **2012** and every three (3) years thereafter."

SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

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. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,