

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1687

Introduced by: **HON. RACHEL MARGUERITE B. DEL MAR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

he attached bill seeks to reset the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections scheduled on the last Monday of October 2010 to the last Monday of October 2011, amending for the purpose Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9340 otherwise known as "*An Act Amending Republic Act No. 9164, Resetting the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, and for Other Purposes.*"

The country just held its national and local elections, experiencing what was probably the longest campaign period because of adjustments brought about by circumstances and issues compelled by our first automated elections. We have yet to fully recover from this democratic exercise where the electorate, particularly the youth, awed by the concept and reality of automation and moved by an admirable zeal to have their votes counted, clearly participated to the fullest. Given this public feeling of "political hangover", there is no sense violating the better rule of not having two nationwide elections within the same year.

Further, with the vote and voice of the people, the government has that critical element called momentum. And public trust too. This is therefore the time to make things happen, to have those changes that can be made to happen. We have to have a better sense of what is going on and what is needed "to make tomorrow". This is where our complete and total focus should be, undiminished by any political exercise that can be better moved to a better time without losing any sense of legitimacy or committing any act of public disservice.

Finally, the question of budgetary deficit, the apparently still unstable fiscal footing of the government must enter the equation. This means that the national government has to put its limited resources to optimum use in terms of the immediate requirements of the people in the area of deliver of basic services like food, health, shelter and education. A postponement of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections would surely mean having more than P2 Billion for the country's more basic needs.

In this context approval of proposed bill is highly requested.



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AN ACT
RESETTING THE DATE OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN
ELECTIONS TO THE LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER, 2011, THEREBY
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT 9340,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164,
RESETTING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

SECTION 1. Section of Republic Act No. 9340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. *Date of Election* – There shall be synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections which shall be on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the **LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2011** and every three (3) years thereafter."

SEC. 2. *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. 3. *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,