

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2098

Introduced by: HONORABLE ANTONIO C. ALVAREZ

**AN ACT TO POSTPONE THE OCTOBER 2010 SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY
AND SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN ELECTIONS SET BY REPUBLIC ACT NO.
9340 TO OCTOBER 2012, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 9340 mandates the holding of a synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections on October 2010, the very same year that we will hold our presidential elections. This bill seeks to postpone the scheduled barangay elections in October in order to prevent the holding of two (2) elections in a single year.

Aside from the daunting logistical task of holding two (2) elections ONLY FIVE (5) MONTHS APART which is quite difficult, there is also the issue of cost. RA 9340 provides:

SEC. 4. *Section 8 of Republic Act No. 9164 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

"SEC. 8 . Appropriations. - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be taken from the appropriation of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) under the General Appropriations Act and/or supplementary appropriations thereafter.

"In addition, the savings of the COMELEC not exceeding Three hundred million pesos (P300,000,000.00) shall be used to augment said appropriations as authorized under COMELEC Special Provision No. 2 of Republic Act No. 9162.

"The funds mentioned above may be augmented by an amount not exceeding ten percent (10%) of the sangguniang kabataan funds reserved pursuant to Section 532(c) of Republic Act No. 7160."

Clearly, just five (5) short months after the presidential elections where millions, if not billions, of pesos will be spent, another elections will be held where another Three Hundred Million Pesos stand to be disbursed from the public coffers. It is the intent of this bill to postpone the Barangay elections to a later date in 2012 to avoid inordinate spending for 2 elections in the same year.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. The synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections set by Republic Act No. 9340 on the last Monday of October 2010 is hereby postponed and moved to the last Monday of October 2012. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held every three (3) years thereafter.

SECTION 2. The synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections scheduled herein and every synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections to be held thereafter shall be conducted using an automated election system subject to existing laws governing the use of such system.

SECTION 3. Assumption of Office. – The term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected on the last Monday of October 2010 shall commence at noon of November 30, 2012, next following their elections. The term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan

officials elected in subsequent elections shall commence at noon of November 30 of the same year, next following their elections."

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. – Sections 1 and 2 of Republic Act No. 9340 are hereby amended to conform to the provisions of this Act. All other 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 5. Separability Clause. – Any section or provision of this Act held unconstitutional or invalid shall not render the rest or any part hereof unconstitutional or invalid and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. 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,