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HOUSE BILL NO. 2173

Introduced by: **HON. MERCEDES K. ALVAREZ, ALFREDO B. BENITEZ and
ALFREDO D. MARAÑON III**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to postpone the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections scheduled to be held this October 2010 to October 2011 by amending Sections 1 and 2 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."

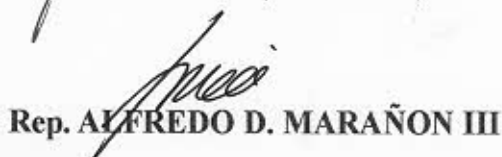
The national government needs more time to recover from the recently concluded national and local elections. At this time, the new administration has just started developing its agenda and the Congress has just commenced crafting its legislative agenda. The holding of another election, barely 5 months after the national and local elections, will be another divisive exercise and will be highly counter-productive. The nation and its officials should start healing the wounds of the previous electoral exercise and must move forward towards unity and development.

The most paramount objective of this bill is to save government fiscal resources in favor of other vital and more pressing social programs. Since a huge budgetary requirement is needed to hold an election, the postponing the scheduled October 2010 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Election is a most prudent and practical money-saving measure to take at this time. The huge amount of revenues that will be saved may be allocated to deliver the basic services needed and more infrastructure projects that would further the development of our country. Moreover, postponing the scheduled October 2010 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Election will enable the COMELEC to focus on its post-election activities and will give the COMELEC enough time to prepare for this democratic exercise if postponed for another year.

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


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**AN ACT DEFERRING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN ELECTIONS
TO THE LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2011, THEREBY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 9164, RESETTING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN 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. 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 held on the last Monday of October 2011. Subsequent synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan election shall be held on the last Monday of October 2014 and every three (3) years thereafter."

SECTION 2. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9340 is hereby amended as follows:

"SECTION 2. Assumption of Office. - The term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence on November 28, 2011 following their elections. The term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the October 2014 election and subsequent elections shall commence at noon of November 30 next following their election."

SECTION 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The COMELEC shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such sections or parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. - All decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect seven (7) days after its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,