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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2258

Introduced by Honorable Ma. Georgina P. De Venecia

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to reset the October 2010 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections to the last Monday of October 2011, 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.*"

It is a fact that we just had our first automated elections, an exercise which used up a lot of financial resources that drained the coffers of the government. Another election therefore would not only further deplete the already dwindling government funds but would more likely widen the gap between opposing candidates and their supporters caused by the recently concluded election. This would have adverse social impact on the different barangays, a concrete reason why another election should be avoided.

Moreover, the October 2010 barangay elections are not the only elections involving the barangays for any given election period but two (2) other elections which are the election of the officers of the *Liga ng mga Barangay* on the municipal and city levels usually held in November, followed by the election of the officers of the *Liga ng mga Barangay* on the provincial level usually held in December which, again, could lead to a continuing negative social impact.

It would be more appropriate if instead of conducting another election, the available resources will be spent for livelihood projects and programs which would mitigate the effects of incoming typhoons.

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


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RESETTING THE 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,' 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.* – 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] 2011 and every three (3) years thereafter.”

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

SEC. 3 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. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,