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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

HOUSE BILL NO. 2292

Introduced by:
Rep. Godofredo V. Arquiza

AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM
THE SENIOR CITIZEN SECTOR IN EVERY SANGGUNIANG
BARANGAY, SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, SANGGUNIANG
PANGLUNGSOD AND SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN.

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the 'Senior Citizen
Local Government Representation Act of 2010.'

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - Republic Act 9994 Section 1 (b) "To
give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of the elderly and
their full participation in society considering that senior citizens are integral
part of Philippine society." The Act further provides to in paragraph (c) "To
motivate and encourage the senior citizens to contribute to nation building".

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. - For the purpose of this Act, these terms
are defined as follows:

- (a) "Senior citizen" or "elderly" shall mean any resident of the Philippines at
least sixty (60) years old or older as defined in Republic Act 9994,
otherwise known as the "*Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010.*"
- (b) "Local Government Unit" shall mean - as defined in the Local
Government Code, as amended; and

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article 10, Section 9 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "Legislative bodies of local governments shall have sectoral representation as may be prescribed by law. " The 1991 Local Government Code (LGC) provides the form of local sectoral representation (LSR) a seat to be contested by all other sectors or to be determined by the sanggunian.

The COMELEC opines that under RA 7887 (Amending the Synchronized Elections Law of 1991) the election of local sectoral representatives can only be conducted in accordance with an enabling law, which is yet to be enacted by Congress.

The government must accelerate senior citizens' equal participation in political and public life and ensure that the representation of senior citizens in political and public bodies reflects the full diversity of the population.

This bill seeks to provide an enabling law to significantly increase senior citizens participation in local government legislation to emphasize the importance of senior citizens sector and accord the senior citizen in the council the same salaries, emoluments, rights, privileges and benefits as the other members of the council.


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(c) "Legislative Body" shall mean a group of persons who make or amend laws.

SECTION 4. There shall be appointed by the Governor or Mayor, as the case may be, a representative from the Senior Citizen sector into every Sangguniang Barangay, Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panglungsod and Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

SECTION 5. The Department of Interior and Local Government is hereby directed to issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

Approved,


GODOFREDO V. ARQUIZA