

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Manila

Fifteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3116

Introduced By Honorable Isidro S. Rodriguez, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to confer the appropriate Career Service Professional Eligibility to a member of *Sangguniang Bayan*, *Sangguniang Panglunsod* and *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* who has served as such for at least (9) years and Career Service Sub professional Eligibility to a member who has served as such for at least six (6) years.

Paragraph 5 (b) of Section 393 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay treasurer, and the barangay secretary shall be entitled to appropriate civil service eligibility on the basis of the number of years to the barangay, pursuant to the rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

If barangay officials are conferred the civil service eligibility based on the number of years they have served, the more reason that other local officials should likewise be given the same privilege. The members of the *Sangguniang Bayan*, *Sangguniang Panlunsod* and *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* enact ordinances, approved resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of their municipality, city and province and its inhabitants. It is ironic that after they have faithfully served and upheld the

best interest of the public service for many years, they cannot even apply for and hold government positions thereafter unless they have taken and passed the civil service eligibility examination. Some of them may have been in the government for nine (9) years or even longer.

This bill aims to provide additional incentives to members of the *Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panlungsod and Sangguniang Panlalawigan* in order to encourage them to be efficient and committed to public service. It is a way of recognizing their sincere efforts and contributions as partners of the national government in nation-building. The grant of civil service eligibility to these officials is one of the best means of recognizing their efforts. It is fitting, therefore, to properly confer on these officials the eligibility they truly deserved.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested,


ISIDRO S. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

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AN ACT

CONFERRING THE APPROPRIATE CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY UPON A MEMBER OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD AND SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN WHO HAS SERVED FOR AT LEAST THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN OFFICE.

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

SECTION 1. A Career Service Professional Eligibility is hereby conferred upon a member of the *Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panlungsod and Sangguniang Panlalawigan* who has served for at least three (3) consecutive terms in office. *Provided, That* such member must be a holder of a bachelor's degree. A member who has served for at least six (6) years, however, shall be granted a Career Service Sub professional Eligibility.

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the Civil Service Commission shall, within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general publication.

Approved.