

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL No. 3446

Introduced by Representative Elmer E. Panotes

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 PERTAINING TO THE COMPOSITION OF LOCAL SPECIAL BODIES TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATION FROM THE SENIOR CITIZENS SECTOR AND THEREBY STRENGTHENING ITS PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT AND AFFIRMING ITS VALUABLE ROLE IN NATION BUILDING

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to give due cognizance to the potent role of senior citizens in the society and to acknowledge their worthy contribution to the well-being of the nation.

There has to be more than just a granting of discount privileges to senior citizens if the primary intention is to provide them the care and attention that they deserve from their government.

The present and future generations owe a lot to the elderly. The experiences, knowledge, wisdom, struggles and successes that our predecessors gained in their prime are certainly a rich source of inspiration and lessons that will serve as guide, strength and direction for the succeeding generations.

We will be doing our senior citizens a great disservice if we just relegate them to the background and ignore their continuing potential for responsible citizenship.

It is therefore our obligation as legislators to pave the way for the active involvement of the elderly, 60 years old and above, to the mainstream of society and thus make their senior years a meaningful and productive chapter in their lives.

One vital step towards this end is to expand the composition of local special bodies in the LGUs to include the representation of senior citizens. These special bodies mandated in the Local Government Code are the Local Development Council, Local Health Board, Local School Board and Local Peace and Order Council.

With highest esteem, appreciation and tribute to our senior citizens, this bill is hereby filed for deliberations and subsequent passage by this 15th Congress.


ELMER E. PANOTES

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL No. 3446

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ELMER E. PANOTES

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 PERTAINING TO THE COMPOSITION OF LOCAL SPECIAL BODIES TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATION FROM THE SENIOR CITIZENS SECTOR AND THEREBY STRENGTHENING ITS PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT AND AFFIRMING ITS VALUABLE ROLE IN NATION BUILDING

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

SECTION 1. Section 98 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 98. *Creation, Composition and Compensation.* – (a) There shall be established in every province, city or municipality a provincial, city or municipal school board, respectively.

(b) The composition of local school boards shall be as follows:

(1) The provincial school board shall be composed of the governor and the division superintendent of schools as co-chairmen; the chairman of the education committee of the sangguniang panlalawigan, the provincial treasurer, the representative of the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan in the sangguniang panlalawigan, the duly elected president of the provincial federation of parents-teachers associations, the duly elected representative of the teachers' organizations in the province, the duly elected representative of the non-academic personnel of public schools in the province **and the duly elected president of the provincial federation of senior citizens associations**, as members;

(2) The city school board shall be composed of the city mayor and the city superintendent of schools as co-chairmen; the chairman of the education committee of the sangguniang panlungsod, the city treasurer, the representative of the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan in the

sangguniang panlungsod, the duly elected president of the city federation of parents-teachers associations, the duly elected representative of the teacher's organizations in the city, the duly elected representative of the non-academic personnel of public schools in the city **and the duly elected president of the city federation of senior citizens associations**, as members;

(3) The municipal school board shall be composed of the municipal mayor and the district supervisor of schools as co-chairmen; the chairman of the education committee of the sangguniang bayan, the municipal treasurer, the representative of the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan in the sangguniang bayan, the duly elected president of the municipal federation of parent-teacher associations, the duly elected representative of the teachers' organizations in the municipality, the duly elected representative of the non-academic personnel of public schools in the municipality **and the duly elected president of the municipal federation of senior citizens associations**, as members." -

SECTION 2. Section 102 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 102. *Creation and Composition.* - (a) There shall be established a local health board in every province, city or municipality. The composition of the local health boards shall be as follows:

- (1) The provincial health board shall be headed by the governor as chairman, the provincial health officer as vice chairman, and the chairman of the committee on health of the sangguniang panlalawigan, a representative from the private sector or non-governmental organizations involved in health services, a representative of the Department of Health in the province **and the duly elected president of the provincial federation of senior citizens associations**, as members;
- (2) The city health board shall be headed by the city mayor as chairman, the city health officer as vice chairman, and the chairman of the committee on health of the sangguniang panlungsod, a representative from the private sector or non-governmental organizations involved in health services, a representative of the Department of Health in the city **and the duly elected president of the city federation of senior citizens associations**, as members;
- (3) The municipal health board shall be headed by the municipal mayor as chairman, the municipal health officer as vice chairman, and the chairman of the committee on health of the sangguniang bayan, a representative from the private sector or non-governmental organizations involved in health services, a representative of the Department of Health in the municipality **and the duly elected president of the municipal federation of senior citizens associations**, as members."

SECTION 3. Section 107 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows :

"SEC. 107. *Composition of Local Development Councils.* - The composition of the local development council shall be as follows:

- (a) The barangay development council shall be headed by the punong barangay and shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) Members of the sangguniang barangay;
 - (2) Representatives of nongovernmental organizations operating in the barangay, who shall constitute not less than one fourth (1/4) of the members of the fully organized council;
 - (3) A representative of the congressman;
 - (4) **The duly elected president of the barangay senior citizens association.**
- (b) The city or municipal development council shall be headed by the mayor and shall be composed of the following members:
- (1) All punong barangays in the city or municipality;
 - (2) The chairman of the committee on appropriations of the sangguniang panlungsod or sangguniang bayan concerned;
 - (3) The congressman or his representative;
 - (4) Representatives of nongovernmental organizations operating in the city or municipality, as the case may be who shall constitute not less than one fourth (1/4) of the members of the fully organized council;
 - (5) **The duly elected president of the city or municipal federation of senior citizens associations.**
- (c) The provincial development council shall be headed by the governor and shall be composed of the following members:
- (1) All mayors of component cities and municipalities;
 - (2) The chairman of the committee on appropriations of the sangguniang panlalawigan;
 - (3) The congressman or his representative;
 - (4) Representatives of nongovernmental organizations operating in the province, who shall constitute not less than one fourth (1/4) of the members of the fully organized council;
 - (5) **The duly elected president of the provincial federation of senior citizens associations.**

SECTION 4. Section 116 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows :

"SEC. 116. *Organization.* - There is hereby established in every province, city and municipality a local peace and order council, pursuant to Executive Order Numbered Three Hundred Nine (E.O. No. 309), as amended, Series of 1988. **Other than those prescribed by the said executive order, the composition of the local peace and order councils shall include as member the duly elected president of the federation of senior citizens associations.**"



SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon approval.