

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Sangguniang Kabataan was created under the Local Government Code of 1991, replacing the Kabataang Barangay which was established through a Marcos decree during the martial law era.

Like the KB, the SK was envisioned to be a training ground for youth leaders and a layer of government that will attend to the needs and problems of the youth and harness them in community development activities.

Since the establishment of the Sangguniang Kabataan, there are lots of doubts as to whether it was able to rally the youth to help implement the national vision. It has failed to become the typical organization whose role is to become the primary vehicle in creating programs for the benefits and advantage of the youth.

The organization has exposed the youth leaders to situations that make them susceptible to dishonest or corrupt practices specially in handling funds that are entrusted to them for projects and activities that will enhance the welfare of their constituents. More often than not, SK chairmen and officials are not found in their barangay because they have to stay elsewhere to pursue their college education. What is worse is when the absentee SK officials continue to receive government allowances even if they are unable to discharge their duties and deliver services that are expected of them.

By abolishing the Sangguniang Kabataan, we can not only save billions of pesos in the conduct of their elections but save the nations from the newly trained traditional politicians.

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


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**AN ACT ABOLISHING THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN,
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF
REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "SK Abolition Act of 2010".

SECTION 2. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State, consistent with the Constitution, to give priority to the education of our youth. Towards this end, the State shall provide measures to assure that their education will be their primordial measures to assure that their education will be their primordial consideration.

SECTION 3. The Sangguniang Kabataan is hereby abolished and the provisions of Book III, Title I, Chapter Eight (8) and Nine (9) of the Local Government Code of 1991 are hereby repealed accordingly.

SECTION 4. All Acts, Decrees, executive Orders, Rules and Regulations, other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are likewise hereby repealed, modified or amended.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication either in the official gazette or in at least one (1) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,