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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Metro Manila, Philippines

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5724



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PEDRO P. ROMUALDO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to address a separate law fixing the term of barangay officials to five years (5) for two (2) consecutive terms only and setting the date of election exclusively for barangay officials sans the sangguniang kabataan which can be addressed in a separate law.

In the history of our barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections, it has been the practice to synchronize the holding of their elections and their terms of offices. As such, when elections are postponed most incumbent sangguniang kabataan officials are already beyond the age to represent their sector and are already eligible to run for barangay and even, local elective positions. Thus, a separate bill for this purpose can address the concerns of our sangguniang kabataan.

The frontliners in implementing different national and local government policies and programs are our barangay officials. Hence, we need to see to it that they are given the mandate and opportunity to best serve their communities by giving them a longer period of time from three (3) years to five (5) years and putting a cap to their term to two (2) consecutive terms.

This proposal is consistent with Article X. – Local Government,

"Section 8. The term of office of elective local officials, except barangay officials, which shall be determined by law, shall be three years and no such official shall serve for more than three consecutive terms. Voluntary renunciation of the office for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of his service for the full term for which he was elected."

We believe the two (2) consecutive terms equivalent to ten (10) years would be sufficient enough for sitting barangay officials to perform their sworn duties and functions as well as see to it that government policies and reforms are fully implemented in their respective barangays.

The early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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12 **AN ACT**
13 **FIXING THE TERM OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO FIVE (5) YEARS FOR**
14 **TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE TERMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**
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16 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the*
17 *Philippines in Congress assembled:*
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19 **SECTION 1. *Date of Election.*** There shall be barangay elections on the
20 last Monday of October 2015 and every five (5) years thereafter.
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22 **SECTION 2. *Assumption of Office.*** – The officials of the Barangays
23 elected under this Act shall commence at noon of November 30 of the year
24 of their election and shall be elected for a term of five (5) years.
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26 **SECTION 3. *Term of Office.*** – No Barangay Official shall serve for more
27 than two (2) consecutive terms. Voluntary renunciation of the office for any
28 length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of
29 his service for the full term for which he was elected.
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31 **SECTION 4. *Hold Over.*** – All incumbent barangay officials shall remain
32 in office unless sooner removed or suspended for cause until their
33 successors shall have been elected and qualified. *Provided, however, That*
34 *barangay officials who are ex officio members of the Sangguniang Bayan,*
35 *Sangguniang Panlungsod or Sangguniang Panlalawigan as the case may be*
36 *shall continue to serve as such members in the sanggunian concerned until*
37 *the next barangay election. The Liga ng mga Barangay shall, within thirty*

1 (30) days after the next barangay election, conduct elections for ex officio
2 positions in the saggunians under the supervision of the Department of
3 Interior and Local Government.

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5 SECTION. 5. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the
6 implementation of this Act shall be taken from the budget of the Commission
7 on Elections (COMELEC) under the General Appropriations Act and/or
8 supplementary appropriations thereafter.

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10 SECTION. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Commission
11 on Elections shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to
12 implement this Act.

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14 SECTION. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders
15 and rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of
16 this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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18 SECTION. 8. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section or
19 provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or
20 provisions hereof shall not be affected and thereby remain in full force and
21 effect.

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23 SECTION. 9. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
24 days after its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of
25 general circulation.

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