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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5750



Introduced by : **REP. RACHEL MARGUERITE B. DEL MAR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The attached bill seeks to reset the synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections scheduled on the last Monday of October, 2013 to the last Monday of October, 2014, amending for the purpose Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9340 otherwise known as "*An Act Amending Republic Act No. 9164, Resetting the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, and for Other Purposes.*"

That there shall be not more than one nationwide election in a year is the better rule which speaks for itself and needs no further explanation. Since there are two nationwide elections scheduled next year 2013, the first which is the Local and Congressional Elections shall be held as scheduled on the second Monday of May, 2013 but the second which is the synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections which is scheduled on the last Monday of October, 2013 must be reset to the following year on the last Monday of October, 2014.

While there are suggestions to hold the synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections simultaneously with the Local and Congressional Elections on the second Monday of May, 2013, the same may not be advisable as there will already be too many positions for the voters to fill out. Moreover, the three (3) year term for which the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Officials were elected to serve will be shortened by five (5) months.

Resetting the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections to the last Monday of October, 2015 will extend the terms of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Officials by two years, whereas resetting their elections to the last Monday of October, 2014 as proposed will extend their terms to a more reasonable period of only a year. Thereafter, subsequent elections shall be held every three(3) years.

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


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AN ACT

TO RESET THE DATE OF SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS FROM THE LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER, 2013 TO THE LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER, 2014, THEREBY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, RESETTING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. *Date of Election.* - There shall be synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections which shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the **LAST Monday of OCTOBER, 2014** and every three years (3) thereafter."

SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,