

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

6055



Introduced by: Al Francis C. Bichara, Christopher S. Co., Hon. Rodel M. Batocabe, and Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr.,

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to change the term of office of the barangay officials from three (3) years to five (5) years, amending for the purpose the Local Government Code.

The election of barangay officials is a crucial aspect in local government; the barangay, being the smallest unit of government, is the one nearest to the people in terms of proximity and familiarity. This is how the people redress their grievances directly to the government.

However, barangay officials rarely finish the programs they intended to accomplish at the start of their term because the three-year term proves to be wanting of major reforms in their barangay. Also, it is shorter than the five-year term of the Sangguniang Kabataan, even if the responsibilities of the barangay officials are wider in scope and more important. It becomes of paramount importance, therefore, that the term be extended to five years, similar to that of the barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan.

Moreover, the extension of the terms of the barangay officials will greatly reduce the expenses used for local elections. We cannot, in one year, hold national elections and local elections at the same time without exhausting our financial resources. Apart from this, we may also save effort and personal campaign expenses of the candidates themselves.

In light of these circumstances, the swift passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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Introduced by: Hon. Christopher S. Co, Rodel M. Batocabe and Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr.

AN ACT CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS FROM THREE (3) YEARS TO FIVE (5) YEARS AND PROVIDING A SYSTEM FOR RECALL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 43 AND SECTION 74, RESPECTIVELY, OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Sec. 43 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 43. *TERM OF OFFICE.* - (A) THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ALL ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, ELECTED AFTER THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS CODE SHALL BE FIVE (5) YEARS, STARTING FROM THE LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2015: *PROVIDED*, THAT ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS FIRST ELECTED DURING THE BARANGAY ELECTIONS ON THE LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2010, SHALL SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, WHICH SHALL BE ON THE LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2015.

"(b) No local elective official shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same position. Voluntary renunciation of the office for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of service for the full term for which the elective official concerned was elected.

Section 2. Sec. 74 of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 74. *Limitations on Recall.* (a) Any elective local official may be the subject of a recall election only once during his term of office for loss of confidence.

(b) No recall shall take place within one (1) year from the date of the official's assumption to office or one (1) year immediately preceding a regular local election, EXCEPT BARANGAY OFFICIALS.

(C) NO RECALL OF ANY BARANGAY OFFICIAL SHALL TAKE PLACE WITHIN TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE OFFICIAL'S ASSUMPTION TO OFFICE OR TWO (2) YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING A REGULAR BARANGAY ELECTION.

Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall apply to the incumbent barangay officials.

Section 4. All laws, decrees, executive orders, letters of instructions, letters of implementations, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved: