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HOUSE BILL NO. 188



Introduced by **Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The role and significance of governance at the local government level cannot be underestimated. By and large, the affairs of the national government cascade to these local government structures in ways that make government action, if they were to be effective, to be immediate, responsive and a prompt solution to the multifarious concerns and problems that affect the barangays and their constituents.

It is in this context that this bill is being proposed. It would seem that a three-year term for Barangay officials is far too short for our local leaders to hit the ground running in terms of their value, role, and impact upon that smaller political unit of society. It is so because the supposedly third year of that people's mandate has become devoted to actions or inactions preparatory to the subsequent Barangay elections.

It cannot be gainsaid that plans, projects, programs, and various other activities implemented at the local level do have a gestation period of implementation and altruistically, the grant of a 3-year mandate is deemed too limited to get all these local government undertakings from being properly implemented and for them to spill down to their rightful beneficiaries.

It is this that this bill seeks to address, hence this submission.

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS BY ANOTHER TWO
YEARS THEREBY MAKING FIVE YEAR THEIR TERM OF OFFICE AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The term of office of Barangay official and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan shall be for five (5) years which shall begin after the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 2. To this end, Section 43 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43. Term of Office. —

(a) The term of office of all local elective officials elected after the effectivity of this Code shall be three (3) years, starting from noon of June 30, 1992 or such date as may be provided for by law, except that of elective Barangay officials: Provided, That all local officials first elected during the local elections immediately following the ratification of the 1987 Constitution shall serve until noon of June 30, 1992.

(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.

(c) The term of office of Barangay officials and members of the sangguniang kabataan shall be for [three (3) years] FIVE (5) years. [which shall begin after the regular election of Barangay officials on the second Monday of May 1994.].

SEC. 3 This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved, 