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House Bill No. 296



Introduced by **Rep. Eulogio "Amang" R. Magsaysay**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is at the level of schools and learning centers where the policy and principle for governance of basic education are ultimately translated into programs, projects and services developed, adapted and offered to fit local needs. The school heads take charge of the administrative and instructional supervision of the school or cluster of schools. Their role is crucial in ensuring that schools and learning centers receive the kind of focused attention they deserve, and that educational programs, projects and services take into account the interests of all the members of the community. School heads are required to form a team with the school teachers/learning facilitators for delivery of quality educational programs, projects and services, together with a core of non-teaching staff that shall handle the school's administrative, fiscal and auxiliary services.

The important role of the school heads as chief executives in their respective schools deserves due recognition. The credence that they establish by performing the various tasks required by such role must be rightfully placed within the local leadership structure. Immersed to the realities of our public basic education, our school heads especially in public schools have proven to stand resolute and responsive in the midst of challenges. Such dispositions certainly made them deserving of a representation at the Local School Boards. Over the years, the various initiatives by such school boards in support of advancing the goals of education under certain localities, particularly on provision of supplemental budget for education expenditure, have significantly eased the burden of governing the delivery of public basic education in the country.

Hence, this proposed legislation. Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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EULOGIO "AMANG" R. MAGSAYSAY

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AN ACT

RECOGNIZING THE VITAL ROLE OF SCHOOL HEADS AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF BASIC EDUCATION GOVERNANCE AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL WHICH RENDERS THEM HIGHLY-RELIABLE AND MOST DEPENDABLE TO BECOMING MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS, AMENDING IN VIEW THEREOF, REPUBLIC ACT 7160, AS AMENDED, 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. Section 98, paragraph (b), under Title IV of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", is hereby amended by inserting the phrase that provides the inclusion of School Heads to the composition of local school boards to read, as follows:

"Section 98. Creation, Composition, and Compensation. –

(a) There shall be established in every province, city, or municipality a provincial, city, or municipal school board, respectively.

(b) The composition of local school boards shall be as follows:

(1) The provincial school board shall be composed of the governor and the division superintendent of schools as co-chairman; the chairman of the education committee of the sangguniang panlalawigan, the provincial treasurer, the representative of the "pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan" in the sangguniang panlalawigan, **THE DULY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL HEADS IN THE PROVINCE**, the duly elected president of the provincial federation of parents-teachers associations, the duly elected representative of the teachers' organizations in the province, and the duly elected representative of the non-academic personnel of public schools in the province, as members;

(2) The city school board shall be composed of the city mayor and the city superintendent of schools as co-chairmen; the chairman of the education committee of the sangguniang panlungsod, the city treasurer, the representative of the "pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan" in the sangguniang panlungsod, **THE DULY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL HEADS IN THE CITY**, the duly elected

president of the city federation of parents- teachers associations, the duly elected representative of the teachers' organizations in the city, and the duly elected representative of the non-academic personnel of public schools in the city, as members; and

- (3)The municipal school board shall be composed of the municipal mayor and the district supervisor of schools as co-chairmen; the chairman of the education committee of the sangguniang bayan, the municipal treasurer, the representative of the "pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan" in the sangguniang bayan, **THE DULY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL HEADS IN THE MUNICIPALITY**, the duly elected president of the municipal federation of parent-teacher associations, the duly elected representative of the teachers' organizations in the municipality, and the duly elected representative of the non-academic personnel of public schools in the municipality, as members."

SECTION 2. The Department of Education (DepEd) in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall issue the implementing guidelines of the provisions under this Act immediately after its approval.

SECTION 3. If any part or section of this Act is declared unconstitutional for any reason whatsoever, such declaration shall not in anyway affect other parts or sections of this Act.

SECTION 4. Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended accordingly. All other laws, decrees, rules and regulations and other administrative issuances or provisions thereof, which are contrary to or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,