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HOUSE BILL NO. 722



Introduced by *Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

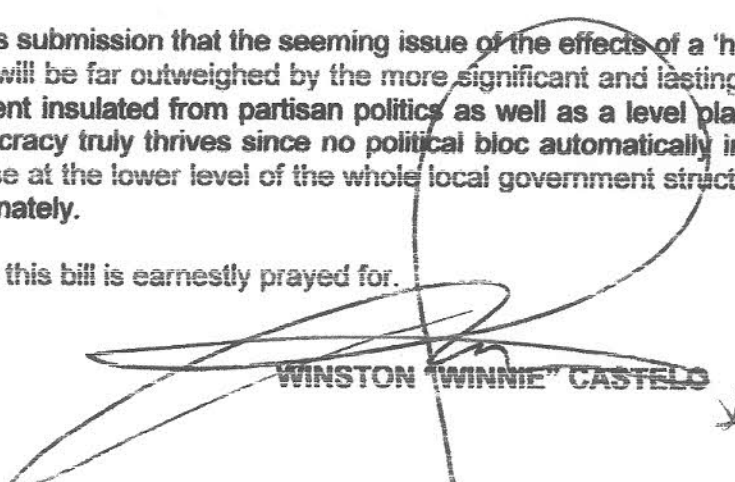
There is hereby proposed this amendatory proposal that will effectively re-schedule the supposedly October 2013 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections to the second Monday of October 2015 and every three years thereafter on ground that holding two elections in a year may prove disadvantageous to the government in real economic terms.

More importantly, two important types of elections held within the same year is perceived as not leveling the playing field on the view that those elected in May 2013 could already exercise their clout, ascendancy or power to place their own bets and therefore influence the political outcome and future of the their chosen Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan wannabes, if and when, the election is held within the same year or time continuum.

Thus, to avoid perceived repercussions and implications under this old set up, there will be local and congressional elections in 2013 next year and none of Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections until 2015 and similarly, if there will be Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections in 2015, there will be none of local and congressional elections in 2015 until 2016. In short, the subsequent elections for local and congressional elections will be in 2013, 2016, 2019 and so on and so forth. That for Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections will be in 2015, 2018, 2021 and so on and so forth.

It is this author's submission that the seeming issue of the effects of a 'hold over', or from 2013 to 2015, will be far outweighed by the more significant and lasting benefits of a political environment insulated from partisan politics as well as a level playing field where a healthy democracy truly thrives since no political bloc automatically influences another especially those at the lower level of the whole local government structure since elections are held alternately.

The passage of this bill is earnestly prayed for.


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AN ACT
RESCHEDULING TO SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2015 BARANGAY AND
SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND HOLDING THE SAME EVERY
THREE (3) YEARS THEREAFTER AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. There shall be Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections on the second Monday of October in 2015 and every three (3) years thereafter.

SEC. 2. The Commission on Elections shall promulgate the appropriate rules, regulations and guidelines to effectively carry out the provision of this Act.

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

Approved,