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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL No. **1369**



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Introduced by Hon. ELISA T. KHO

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civil affairs." In line with this, Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code, particularly the provisions on the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK), was enacted to ensure that, among others, a framework is laid as a training ground for youth leaders who should know and can thus best address issues pertaining to the youth sector in their particular areas.

The reality on the ground is different however. SK Chairmen and officials who are normally children of barangay/municipal/city officials cannot be said to be fully attentive to their functions and responsibilities as elected officials. Sessions are missed because they conflict with their class schedules. And yet, these young officials almost always receive their allowances despite such absences. Pieces of legislation are actually the ideas of their parents or other elders. Most importantly, this supposed avenue for the training of future leaders become actually training and breeding grounds for corruption, to which evil our youth should be spared exposure at such an early and immature age.

It is thus the intent of this bill to abolish the Sangguniang Kabataan. By abolishing the SK, the state not only safeguards that the youth can give actual priority to their education, their moral fiber is likewise secured, and government funds saved.

The approval of this bill is thus earnestly sought.

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AN ACT ABOLISHING THE SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

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

Section 1. This Act shall be known as the “Sangguniang Kabataan Abolition Act of 2013.”

Section 2: The Sangguniang Kabataan is hereby abolished by virtue of this Act. The pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code, particularly Sections 423 to 439 of Book III, Title I, Chapters Eight and Nine, are hereby repealed accordingly.

Section 3. Other pertinent provisions of RA 7160 insofar as it indicates the position of Sangguniang Kabataan are likewise amended to reflect the abolition herein intended and effected.

Section 4. All acts, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions hereof are likewise repealed, modified or amended hereby.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,