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HOUSE BILL NO. **2090**



Introduced by REP. ANTHONY G. DEL ROSARIO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to postpone the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections to be held on October 2013, by amending Republic Act No. 9340, further amending Republic Act 9164 "An Act Providing for Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, Amending Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991."

To secure the people's mandate periodically through election is a healthy exercise which is good for democracy. However, it carries constraints that sometimes outweigh the reason on why it should push through.

We have just concluded the midterm national and local elections which brought animosity and ill will amongst the candidates. It was an electoral exercise characterized by political divisiveness, especially in a country wherein there are no losers but only cheated candidates. It is therefore prudent to provide for a cooling-off period to eliminate the physical, emotional and economic strains of the recent elections.

More importantly, considering that we now have 42,027 barangays, the billions of pesos that would be saved by postponing the forthcoming barangay elections could be used for other purposes relative to national development.

In view thereof, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
RESETTING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN ELECTIONS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164 as amended by Republic Act No. 9340 is further amended to read as follows:

SEC. 1. Date of Election.- There shall be a synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections which shall be held on [July 15, 2002.] **THE LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2014 AND EVERY THREE (3) YEARS THEREAFTER.** [Subsequent synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter.]

SEC. 2. – Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

SECTION 4. Assumption of Office. – The term of office of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence [on August 15, 2002,] **AT NOON OF NOVEMBER 30,** next following their elections. [The term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the October 2007 election and subsequent elections shall commence at noon of November 30 next following their elections.]

SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.- All general and special laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations, or any parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC.5. Separability Clause.- If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such sections or parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,