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House Bill No. **2172**



Introduced by Hon. Mark Llandro L. Mendoza

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Barangay is "the basic political unit that serves as the primary implementing unit of government programs, projects and activities, and as a forum in which the collective views of the people in the community may be crystallized and considered".

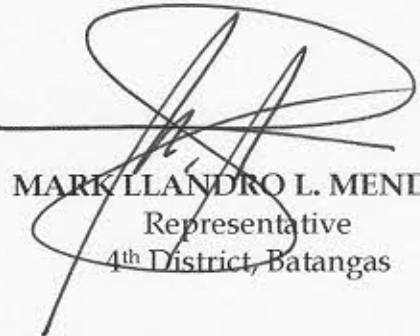
In implementing government programs, projects and activities, the Barangay generally relies on its elected officers composed of the Barangay Chair and members of the Sangguniang Barangay, and appointive officers composed of the Barangay Treasurer and Barangay Secretary, and other officers appointed by the Barangay Chair with the concurrence of the Sanggunian.

Among the aforementioned officers, the Barangay Treasurer is entrusted with the funds and properties of the Barangay, while the Barangay Secretary is the custodian of Barangay documents. Both are accountable for tangible properties that may inadvertently get lost or misplaced along with the transfer of authority from one officer to the next after every election.

The Treasurer and Secretary are burdened with the bulk of administrative work for the Barangay but their compensation and benefits as such are inadequate for the amount of work they perform. This bill gives due recognition to the Barangay Treasurer and Secretary for their untiring effort to keep the Barangay machinery running by making said positions permanent positions subject to civil service laws and regulations.

This bill aims for continuity of public service by qualified individuals, and professionalize the same by providing security of tenure to the Barangay Secretary and Barangay Treasurer and requiring civil service eligibility for the said positions.

The approval of this bill is most earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING SECURITY OF TENURE TO THE
BARANGAY SECRETARY AND BARANGAY TREASURER

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

SECTION 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the "*Barangay Secretary and Treasurer Security of Tenure Act of 2013*".

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the declared policy of the State to promote and enhance the efficiency and responsiveness of Barangay Officials including the Barangay Secretary and Barangay Treasurer.

SECTION 3. Security of Tenure. - The positions of Barangay Secretary and Barangay Treasurer are hereby declared permanent positions.

SECTION 4. Qualifications. - (a) To qualify for the position of Barangay Secretary a candidate must be:

- (i) of good moral character;
- (ii) a graduate of a bachelor's degree in public administration or related courses;
- (iii) a qualified voter and an actual resident of the Barangay concerned; and
- (iv) civil service eligible.

(b) To qualify for the position of Barangay Treasurer a candidate must be:

- (i) of good moral character;
- (ii) bonded in accordance with existing laws in an amount to be determined by the Civil Service Commission but not exceeding Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00);
- (iii) a graduate of a bachelor's degree in accountancy or accounting related courses;
- (iv) a qualified voter and an actual resident of the Barangay concerned; and
- (v) civil service eligible.

SECTION 5. Qualification and Selection Process. - The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Civil Service Commission shall prescribe the application, screening, qualification and selection process in the implementing rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. Appointment, Powers, Duties and Benefits. - After screening, qualification and selection, the Barangay Secretary and Treasurer under this Act shall be appointed by the Punong Barangay duly elected and qualified in the next Barangay Elections following the effectivity of this Act. The Secretary and Treasurer so appointed shall enjoy the powers and exercise the duties prescribed in the Local Government Code of 1991. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be entitled to such benefits and such other emoluments as may be authorized by law.

SECTION 7. Salary Grade. - The positions of Barangay Secretary and Treasurer shall be equivalent to the rank of Administrative Officer II, or at least Salary Grade 15, subject to the applicable rate of pay in the municipality concerned.

SECTION 8. Implementing Rules. - Within six (6) months after the effectivity of this Act the DILG, in consultation with the Civil Service Commission, shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 9. Appropriations. - The amount necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be charged to the fund of the DILG under the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the remainder hereof.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or any part hereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in one (1) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,