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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution has declared as State Policy the recognition of the vital role of the youth in nation-building. Thus, the State shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. Further, the State shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

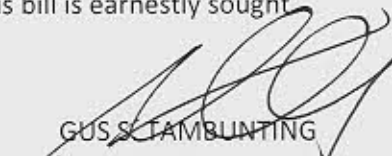
In the spirit of State Policy as signatory to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child, Chapter 8, Title One of Book III of the Local Government Code (RA 7160) gave the youth the opportunity to participate in government affairs through the Katipunan ng Kabataan and Sangguniang Kabataan. Thus, SK became the avenue wherein youth can aptly represent its sector and actively engage in its affairs. The Philippines is lauded as the only country in the world to have grass-roots based, government funded political structure for young people

Various proponents are calling for the postponement of the upcoming SK elections this October. This call is in line with some measures seeking for the abolition and/or reform of the SK. Mostly, the adults argue that SK is a breeding ground for future leaders in corruption.

However, based on the empirical study of UNICEF on 2007, "The Impact of Youth Participation", the UNICEF believes that abolishing the SK will not serve the best interest of children and young people. Abolishing this unique system and mechanism will deprive these children to a great potential for youth participation in governance and community service. In addition, such move will not shield them from negative influences of politics and politicians.

Hence, this legislation is proposed by Senator Bam Aquino, a former chairman of the National Youth Commission. With his experience with the youth and knowledge in the capabilities of the Filipino Youth, his senate bill does not seek to abolish the system but rather moves for the reform of the system. Thus, to emphasize the reform sought by the bill, the Katipunan ng Kabataan and the Sangguniang Kabataan shall be called Liga ng Bayaning Kabataan. Hence, this noble intention adheres to the spirit that impelled the creation of the Sangguniang Kabataan.

Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought



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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LIGA NG BAYANING KABATAAN (LBK) AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

Section 1. Section 1 Chapter VIII Title I, Book III of RA 7160 otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991 is hereby renamed as "Liga ng Bayaning Kabataan".

Section 2. Section 423 of Chapter 8 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"[Section 423. Creation and Election. -

[(a) There shall be in every barangay a sangguniang kabataan to be composed of chairman, seven (7) members, a secretary, and a treasurer;

(b) A sangguniang kabataan official who, during his term of office, shall have passed the age of twenty-one (21) years shall be allowed to serve the remaining portion of the term for which he was elected.]

Section 423. Creation of the Katipunan ng Bayaning Kabataan.

(A) ALL EXISTING YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY SHALL REGISTER WITH THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION. FOR THIS PURPOSE, A YOUTH ORGANIZATION SHALL HAVE:

I. AT LEAST TWENTY (20) MEMBERS BETWEEN THE AGES FIFTEEN (15) TO TWENTY FOUR (24) YEARS OLD WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY WHERE THE ORGANIZATION INTENDS TO REGISTER; AND

II. A VISION, MISSION, LIST OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS, AND FOR A REPORT OF A RECENTLY CONCLUDED PROJECT.

(B) THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE AN INTERNET-BASED REGISTRATION PROCESS.

(C) THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DILG THROUGH ITS MUNICIPAL OR CITY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OFFICER, SHALL VERIFY THE REGISTRATION INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THESE ORGANIZATIONS.

(D) THE REGISTRATION OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION EVERY THREE (3) YEARS.”

Section 3. Section 424 of Chapter 8 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“[Section 424. Katipunan ng Kabataan. -The katipunan ng kabataan shall be composed of all citizens of the Philippines actually residing in the barangay for at least six (6) months, who are fifteen (15) but not more than twenty-one (21) years of age, and who are duly registered in the list of the sangguniang kabataan or in the official barangay list in the custody of the barangay secretary.]

SECTION 424. CREATION OF THE LIGA NG BAYANING KABATAAN (LBK).-

(A) THERE SHALL BE A LIGA NG BAYANING KABATAAN (LBK) IN EVERY MUNICIPALITY AND CITY, COMPOSED OF THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REGISTERED YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.

(B) THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REGISTERED YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS SHALL BE ELECTED BY ITS MEMBERS IN A MEETING CALLED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

(C) A NOTARIZED CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION SIGNED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE MUNICIPAL/CITY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OFFICER.

(D) THE MUNICIPAL/CITY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OFFICER SHALL CONVENE THE LBK ONCE A YEAR TO ELECT AMONG THEMSELVES THEIR OFFICERS INCLUDING A PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND INFORMATION OFFICER. THE LBK PRESIDENT SHALL BE AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL OR CITY COUNCIL AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YOUTH SECTOR.”

Section 4. Section 425 of Chapter 8 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“[Section 425. Meetings of the Katipunan ng Kabataan. -The katipunan ng kabataan shall meet at least once every three (3) months, or at the call of the chairman of the sangguniang kabataan or upon written petition of at least one-twentieth (1/20) of its members, to decide on important issues affecting the youth of the barangay.]

SECTION 425. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE LIGA NG BAYANING KABATAAN. - THE MEMBERS OF THE LBG. SHALL:

- (A) ELECT OFFICERS WHO SHALL UPHOLD THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE YOUTH IN THEIR CITY OR MUNICIPALITY;
- (B) PROMULGATE RESOLUTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE YOUTH IN THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE;
- (C) INITIATE PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE SOCIAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, INTELLECTUAL, MORAL, SPIRITUAL, AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEMBERS;
- (D) HOLD FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH SHALL BE TAXEXEMPT AND SHALL ACCRUE TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE LBG: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IN THE APPROPRIATION THEREOF, THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR WHICH SUCH ACTIVITY HAS BEEN HELD SHALL BE FIRST SATISFIED;
- (E) CREATE SUCH BODIES OR COMMITTEES AS IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT ITS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES;
- (F) SUBMIT ANNUAL AND END-OF-TERM REPORTS TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN/PANGLUNGSOD ON THEIR PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY/CITY;
- (G) CONSULT AND COORDINATE WITH ALL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN THE MUNICIPALITY/CITY FOR POLICY FORMULATION AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION;
- (H) COORDINATE WITH THE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AGENCY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL;
- (I) EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN/PANGLUNGSOD MAY DETERMINE OR DELEGATE; AND
- (J) EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE."

Section 5. Section 426 of Chapter 8 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"[Section 426. Powers and Functions of the Sangguniang Kabataan. -The sangguniang kabataan shall:

- (a) Promulgate resolutions necessary to carry out the objectives of the youth in the barangay in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Code;
- (b) Initiate programs designed to enhance the social, political, economic, cultural, intellectual, moral, spiritual, and physical development of the members;
- (c) Hold fund-raising activities, the proceeds of which shall be tax-exempt and shall accrue to the general fund of the sangguniang kabataan: Provided, however, That in the appropriation thereof, the specific purpose for which such activity has been held shall be first satisfied;
- (d) Create such bodies or committees as it may deem necessary to effectively carry out its programs and activities;
- (e) Submit annual and end-of-term reports to the sangguniang barangay on their projects and activities for the survival and development of the youth in the barangay;
- (f) Consult and coordinate with all youth organizations in the barangay for policy formulation and program implementation;
- (g) Coordinate with the appropriate national agency for the implementation of youth development projects and programs at the national level;
- (h) Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as the sangguniang barangay may determine or delegate; and
- (i) Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.]

Section 426. MEETINGS OF THE LIGA NG BAYANING KABATAAN. - THE LBK SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE (3) MONTHS, OR AT THE CALL OF THE LBK PRESIDENT OR UPON WRITTEN PETITION OF AT LEAST MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS, TO DECIDE ON IMPORTANT ISSUES AFFECTING THE YOUTH OF THE MUNICIPALITY/CITY."

Section 6. Section 427 of Chapter 8 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

[Section 427. Meetings of the Sangguniang Kabataan. -The sangguniang kabataan shall meet regularly once a month on the date, time, and place to be fixed by the said sanggunian. Special meetings may be called by the sangguniang kabataan chairman or any three (3) of its members by giving written notice to all members of the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting at least one (1) day in advance. Notices of regular or special meetings shall be furnished the punong barangay and the sangguniang barangay.

A majority of the members of the sangguniang kabataan shall constitute a quorum.]

SECTION 427. MEETINGS OF THE LIGA NG BAYANING KABATAAN OFFICERS. - THE LBK OFFICERS SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH ON THE AGREED DATE, TIME, AND PLACE. SPECIAL MEETINGS MAY BE CALLED BY THE LBK PRESIDENT BY GIVING WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE OTHER OFFICERS OF THE DATE, TIME, PLACE AND AGENDA THE MEETING AT LEAST ONE (1) DAY IN ADVANCE. NOTICES OF REGULAR OR SPECIAL

MEETINGS SHALL BE FURNISHED TO THE CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYOR AND THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN/PANGLUNGSOD.

A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LBK OFFICERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM."

Section 7. Section 428 of Chapter 8 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"[Section 428. Qualifications. - An elective official of the sangguniang kabataan must be a citizen of the Philippines, a qualified voter of the katipunan ng kabataan, a resident of the barangay for at least one (1) year immediately prior to election, at least fifteen (15) years but not more than twenty- one (21) years of age on the day of his election, able to read and write Filipino, English, or the local dialect, and must not have been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude.]

SECTION 428. AN ELECTIVE OFFICIAL OF THE LBK MUST BE A DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF A REGISTERED ORGANIZATION IN THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY, MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION IN GOOD STANDING, CITIZEN OF THE PHILIPPINES, A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ELECTION, AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS BUT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY FOUR (24) YEARS OF AGE ON THE DAY OF HIS ELECTION, ABLE TO READ AND WRITE FILIPINO, ENGLISH, OR THE LOCAL DIALECT, AND MUST NOT HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY CRIME INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE."

Section 8. Section 429 of Chapter 8 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"[Section 429. Term of Office. - The sangguniang kabataan chairman and members shall hold office for a period of three (3) years, unless sooner removed for cause as provided by law, permanently incapacitated, die or resign from office.]

SECTION 429. THE LBK PRESIDENT AND OTHER OFFICERS SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR, UNLESS SOONER REMOVED FOR CAUSE AS PROVIDED BY LAW, PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED, OR IN CASE OF DEATH OR RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE."

Section 9. Section 430 of Chapter 8 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"[Section 430. Sangguniang Kabataan Chairman. -The registered voters of the katipunan ng kabataan shall elect the chairman of the sangguniang kabataan who shall automatically serve as an ex officio member of the sangguniang barangay upon his assumption to office. As such, he shall exercise the same powers, discharge the same duties and functions, and enjoy the same privileges as the regular sangguniang barangay members, and shall be the chairman of the committee on youth and sports development in the said sanggunian.]

SECTION 430. LIGA NG BAYANING KABATAAN PRESIDENT. - MEMBERS OF THE LBK SHALL ELECT THE LBK PRESIDENT WHO SHALL AUTOMATICALLY SERVE AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN/PANGLUNGSOD UPON HIS ASSUMPTION TO OFFICE. AS SUCH, HE SHALL EXERCISE THE SAME POWERS, DISCHARGE THE SAME DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS, AND ENJOY THE SAME PRIVILEGES AS THE REGULAR SANGGUNIANG BAYAN/PANGLUNGSOD MEMBERS, AND SHALL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN THE SAID SANGGUNIAN."

Section 10. Section 431 of Chapter 8 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"[Section 431. Powers and Duties of the Sangguniang Kabataan Chairman. - In addition to the duties which may be assigned to him by the sangguniang barangay, the sangguniang kabataan chairman shall:

- (a) Call and preside over all meetings of the katipunan ng kabataan and the sangguniang kabataan;
- (b) Implement policies, programs, and projects within his jurisdiction in coordination with the sangguniang barangay;
- (c) Exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the sangguniang kabataan and the official conduct of its members, and such other officers of the sangguniang kabataan within his jurisdiction;
- (d) With the concurrence of the sangguniang kabataan, appoint from among the members of the sangguniang kabataan, the secretary and treasurer and such other officers as may be deemed necessary; and
- (e) Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.]

SECTION 431. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE LIGA NG BAYANING KABATAAN PRESIDENT. - IN ADDITION TO THE DUTIES WHICH MAY BE ASSIGNED TO HIM BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN/PANGLUNGSOD, THE LBK PRESIDENT SHALL:

- (A) CALL AND PRESIDE OVER ALL MEETINGS OF THE LBK AND ITS OFFICERS;
- (B) IMPLEMENT POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND PROJECTS WITHIN HIS JURISDICTION IN COORDINATION WITH THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN/PANGLUNGSOD;
- (C) EXERCISE GENERAL SUPERVISION OVER THE AFFAIRS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE LBK AND THE OFFICIAL CONDUCT OF ITS MEMBERS, AND OTHER OFFICERS WITHIN HIS JURISDICTION; AND
- (D) EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE."

Section 11. Section 431-A is hereby inserted to read as follows:

"SECTION 431-A. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE LIGA NG BAYANING KABATAAN VICE-PRESIDENT. - THE VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL DISCHARGE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT WHEN THE PRESIDENT IS ABSENT FOR ONE OR MORE DAYS; WHEN THE PRESIDENT IS TEMPORARILY INCAPACITATED; AND IN THE EVENT OF RESIGNATION, REMOVAL, DEATH OR ABSOLUTE INCAPACITY OF THE PRESIDENT."

Section 12. Section 432 of Chapter 8 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"[Section 432. Sangguniang Kabataan Secretary. - The sangguniang kabataan secretary shall:

- (a) Keep all records of the katipunan ng kabataan and sangguniang kabataan;
- (b) Prepare and keep the minutes of all meetings of the katipunan ng kabataan and sangguniang kabataan;
- (c) Prepare all forms necessary for the conduct of registrations, elections, initiatives, referenda, or plebiscites, in coordination with the barangay secretary and the COMELEC; and
- (d) Perform such other duties and discharge such other functions as the chairman of the sangguniang kabataan may prescribe or direct.]

SECTION 432. LIGA NG BAYANING KABATAAN SECRETARY. - THE LBK SECRETARY SHALL:

(A) KEEP ALL RECORDS OF THE LBK;

(B) PREPARE AND KEEP THE MINUTES OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE LBK;

(C) KEEP RECORDS ON THE CONDUCT OF THE REGISTRATION OF ORGANIZATIONS, ELECTION OF OFFICERS; INITIATIVES, REFERENDA, OR PLEBISCITES, IN COORDINATION WITH THE CITY/MUNICIPAL SECRETARY AND THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION; AND

(D) PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND DISCHARGE SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS AS THE LBK PRESIDENT MAY PRESCRIBE OR DIRECT.

Section 13. Section 433 of Chapter 8 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"[Section 433. Sangguniang Kabataan Treasurer. -The sangguniang kabataan treasurer shall:

- (a) Take custody of all sangguniang kabataan property and funds not otherwise deposited with the city or municipal treasurer;
- (b) Collect and receive contributions, monies, materials, and all other sources intended for the sangguniang kabataan and katipunan ng kabataan;
- (c) Disburse funds in accordance with an approved budget of the sangguniang kabataan;
- (d) Certify to the availability of funds whenever necessary;

- (e) Submit to the sangguniang kabataan and to the sangguniang barangay certified and detailed statements of actual income and expenditures at the end of every month; and
- (f) Perform such other duties and discharge such other functions as the chairman of the sangguniang kabataan may direct.]

SECTION 433. LIGA NG BAYANING KABATAAN TREASURER. - THE LBK TREASURER SHALL:

- (A) TAKE CUSTODY OF ALL LBK PROPERTY AND FUNDS NOT OTHERWISE DEPOSITED WITH THE CITY OR MUNICIPAL TREASURER;
- (B) COLLECT AND RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS, MONIES, MATERIALS, AND ALL OTHER SOURCES INTENDED FOR THE LBK;
- (C) DISBURSE FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN APPROVED BUDGET OF THE LBK;
- (D) CERTIFY TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS WHENEVER NECESSARY;
- (E) SUBMIT TO THE LBK AND TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN/PANGLUNGSOD CERTIFIED AND DETAILED STATEMENTS OF ACTUAL INCOME AND AT THE END OF EVERY MONTH; AND
- (F) PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND DISCHARGE SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LBK MAY DIRECT."

Section 14. Section 434 of Chapter 8 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"[Section 434. Privileges of Sangguniang Kabataan Officials. - The sangguniang kabataan chairman shall have the same privileges enjoyed by other sangguniang barangay officials under this Code subject to such requirements and limitations provided herein. During their incumbency, sangguniang kabataan officials shall be exempt from payment of tuition and matriculation fees while enrolled in public tertiary schools, including state colleges and universities. The national government shall reimburse said college or university the amount of the tuition and matriculation fees: Provided, That, to qualify for the privilege, the said officials shall enroll in a state college or university within or nearest their area of jurisdiction.]

SECTION 434. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE LIGA NG BAYANING KABATAAN INFORMATION OFFICER. - THE LBK INFORMATION OFFICER SHALL:

- (A) PROVIDE THE INFORMATION AND DATA REQUIRED BY THE OFFICERS IN DELIVERING PROJECTS FOR THE LBK;
- (B) PROVIDE RELEVANT, ADEQUATE AND TIMELY INFORMATION AND UPDATES TO THE KATIPUNAN NG BAYANING KABATAAN;
- (C) RECOMMEND TO THE OFFICERS RELEVANT PUBLIC INFORMATION AND RESEARCH DATA THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR DUTIES;
- (D) PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND DISCHARGE SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS AS THE LBK PRESIDENT MAY DIRECT."

Section 14. Section 435 of Chapter 8 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"[Section 435. Succession and Filling of Vacancies. – (a) In case a sangguniang kabataan chairman refuses to assume office, fails to qualify, is convicted of a felony, voluntarily resigns, dies, is permanently incapacitated, is removed from office, or has been absent without leave for more than three (3) consecutive months, the sangguniang kabataan member who obtained the next highest number of votes in the election immediately preceding shall assume the office of the chairman for the unexpired portion of the term, and shall discharge the powers and duties, and enjoy the rights and privileges appurtenant to the office. In case the said member refuses to assume the position or fails to qualify, the sangguniang member obtaining the next highest number of votes shall assume the position of the chairman for the unexpired portion of the term.

(b) Where two (2) or more sangguniang kabataan members obtained the same next highest number of votes, the other sangguniang kabataan members shall conduct an election to choose the successor to the chairman from among the said members.

(c) After the vacancy shall have been filled, the sangguniang kabataan chairman shall call a special election to complete the membership of said sanggunian. Such sangguniang kabataan member shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the vacant seat.

(d) In case of suspension of the sangguniang kabataan chairman, the successor, as determined in subsections (a) and (b) of this Section shall assume the position during the period of such suspension.]

SECTION 435. PRIVILEGES OF LIGA NG BAYANING KABATAAN OFFICIALS. - THE LBK PRESIDENT SHALL HAVE THE SAME PRIVILEGES ENJOYED BY OTHER SANGGUNIAN BAYAN/PANGLUNGSOD OFFICIALS UNDER THIS CODE SUBJECT TO SUCH REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS PROVIDED HEREIN. DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY, LBK OFFICIALS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF TUITION AND MATRICULATION FEES WHILE ENROLLED IN PUBLIC TERTIARY SCHOOLS, INCLUDING STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT SHALL REIMBURSE SAID COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THE AMOUNT OF THE TUITION AND MATRICULATION FEES: PROVIDED, THAT, TO QUALIFY FOR THE PRIVILEGE, THE SAID OFFICIALS SHALL ENROL IN A STATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WITHIN OR NEAREST THEIR AREA OF JURISDICTION."

Section 15. Chapter 9 of Book III of RA 7160 is hereby amended to read as Youth Development Fund.

Section 16. Section 436 of Chapter 9 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"[Section 436. Pederasyon ng mga Kabataan. -

(a) There shall be an organization of all the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan to be known as follows:

- (1) in municipalities pambayang pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan;
- (2) in cities, panlungsod na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan;
- (3) in provinces, panlalawigang pederasyon ng mga kabataan;
- (4) in special metropolitan political subdivisions, pangmetropolitan pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan; and
- (5) on the national level pambansang pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan.

(b) The pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan shall, at all levels, elect from among themselves the president, vice- president and such other officers as may be necessary and shall be organized in the following manner:

- (1) The panlungsod and pambayang pederasyon shall be composed of the sangguniang kabataan chairmen of barangays in the city or municipality, respectively;
- (2) The panlalawigang pederasyon shall be composed of presidents of the panlungsod and pambayang pederasyon;
- (3) The pangmetropolitang pederasyon shall be composed of presidents of the panlungsod and pambayan pederasyon;

(c) The elected presidents of the pederasyon at the provincial, highly urbanized city, and metropolitan political subdivision levels shall constitute the pambansang katipunan ng mga sangguniang kabataan.]

“SECTION 436. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR LBK PROJECTS. -

(A) A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE BILLION PESOS (PHP 1,000,000,000.00) TO SUPPORT LBK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS.

(B) THE LBK SHALL HAVE A SEPARATE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION WHICH SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT STARTING IN THE FISCAL YEAR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT.

(C) THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE CHARGED TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.”

Section 17. Section 437 of Chapter 9 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“[Section 437. Constitution and By-Laws. - The term of office, manner of election, removal and suspension of the officers of the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan at all levels shall be governed by the constitution and by-laws of the pederasyon in conformity with the provisions of this Code and national policies on youth.]

"SECTION 437. PROJECT BARANGAY FUNDS - PURSUANT TO SEC. 329 OF THIS CODE, THE BARANGAY COUNCIL SHALL CONSULT THE YOUTH WITHIN ITS TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE PROGRAM SHALL FORM PART OF THE ANNUAL BARANGAY BUDGET WHICH SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN/PANGLUNGSOD FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL."

Section 18. Section 438 of Chapter 9 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"[Section 438. [Membership in the Sanggunian. -

(a) A sangguniang kabataan chairman shall, upon certification of his election by the COMELEC and during his tenure of office is elected as pederasyon president, serve as an ex-officio member of the sangguniang panlalawigan, sangguniang panlungsod, and sangguniang bayan, as the case may be, without need of further appointment.

(b) The vice-president of the pederasyon whose president has been elected as president of a higher pederasyon shall serve as ex-officio member of the sanggunian concerned without need of further appointment.

(c) The pederasyon president or vice-president, as the case may be, shall be the chairman of the committee on youth and sports development of the sanggunian concerned.)

SECTION 438. ALIGNMENT OF YOUTH PROGRAMS. – ALL PLANS, PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE LBK AND PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE BARANGAY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PHILIPPINE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN UNDER THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION."

Section 19. Section 439 of Chapter 10 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 439. Observance of Unggo ng Kabataan. -

[(a) Every barangay, municipality, city and province shall, in coordination with the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan at all levels, conduct an annual activity to be known as the Linggo ng Kabataan on such date as shall be determined by the Office of the President.

(b) The observance of the Linggo ng Kabataan shall include the election of the counterparts of all local elective and appointive officials, as well as heads of national offices or agencies stationed or assigned in the territorial jurisdiction of the local government unit, among in-school and community youth residing in the local government unit concerned from ages thirteen (13) to seventeen (17). During said week, they shall hold office as boy and girl officials and shall perform such duties and conduct such activities as may be provided in the ordinance enacted pursuant to this Chapter.]

(A) EVERY MUNICIPALITY, CITY AND PROVINCE SHALL, IN COORDINATION WITH THE LBK, CONDUCT AN ANNUAL ACTIVITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE LfNGGO NG KABATAAN ON SUCH DATE AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

(B) THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LING GO NG KABATAAN SHALL INCLUDE THE ELECTION OF THE COUNTERPARTS OF ALL LOCAL ELECTIVE AND APPOINTIVE OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS HEADS OF NATIONAL OFFICES OR AGENCIES STATIONED OR ASSIGNED IN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMONG IN-SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY YOUTH RESIDING IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED FROM AGES THIRTEEN (13) TO TWENTY FOUR (24). DURING SAID WEEK, THEY SHALL HOLD OFFICE AS BOY AND GIRL OFFICIALS AND SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AND CONDUCT SUCH ACTIVITIES AS MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE ENACTED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER."

Section 20. Transitory Provisions. - All incumbent Sangguniang Kabataan officials shall remain in office unless sooner removed or suspended for cause until the Liga ng Bayaning Kabataan and their Officers have been constituted.

Section 21. Transitory Provisions. - All incumbent Sangguniang Kabataan officials shall remain in office unless sooner removed or suspended for cause until the Liga ng Bayaning Kabataan and their Officers have been constituted.

Section 20. Separability Clause. - If any section or provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional, the remaining sections or provisions shall not be affected thereby.

Section 21. Repealing Clause. -The provisions of existing laws, decrees, issuances, rules and regulations or portions thereof, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 22. Effectivity Clause. -This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved