

Sixteenth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **3592**



Introduced by Honorable Emmanuel D. Pacquiao

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the composition of barangay officials, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as "*The Local Government Code of 1991*," as amended.

The barangay is the basic political unit that serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community. It also functions as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled.

Under the Local Government Code of 1991, each barangay has barangay officials which include the punong barangay, seven (7) sangguniang barangay members or kagawads, sangguniang kabataan chairman, barangay secretary and barangay treasurer. The sangguniang barangay, which is the legislative body of the barangay, is composed of the punong barangay as presiding officer and the seven (7) regular sangguniang barangay members elected at large and the sangguniang kabataan chairman, as members. As members of the sangguniang barangay, sangguniang barangay members or kagawads primarily enact ordinances as may be necessary to discharge the responsibilities conferred upon them by law or ordinance and promote the general welfare of the inhabitants in the barangay. They also assist in the discharge of the duties of the punong barangay, act as peace officers in the maintenance of public order and safety, and perform such other duties and functions as the punong barangay may delegate.

As a political unit, the barangay needs to be strengthened. One way of strengthening the barangay and make it a more effective partner in the attainment of national goals is to increase the number of sangguniang barangay officials by

adding one sangguniang barangay member to the existing number of seven (7) sangguniang barangay members. An additional member in the sangguniang barangay will raise its level of performance, improve the administration of the barangay and ensure the security and stability of the barangay as a basic political unit of the government.

In view of the foregoing and in order to have a more efficient, effective and organized governance in each barangay, approval of this bill is urgently requested.

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EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3592

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE COMPOSITION OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF
THE 1991", AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. Section 387 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section. 387. Chief Officials and Offices. – (a) There shall be in each barangay a punong barangay, [seven (7)] EIGHT (8) sangguniang barangay members, the sangguniang kabataan chairman, a barangay secretary and a barangay treasurer.

(b) x x x x x x

(c) x x x x x x"

SEC. 2. Section 390 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Section 390. *Composition.* – The sangguniang barangay, the legislative body of the barangay, shall be composed of the punong barangay as presiding officer, and the [seven (7)] EIGHT (8) regular sangguniang barangay members elected at large and the sangguniang kabataan chairman, as members.”

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,