

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **5043**



**Introduced by Representatives Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr. and
Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

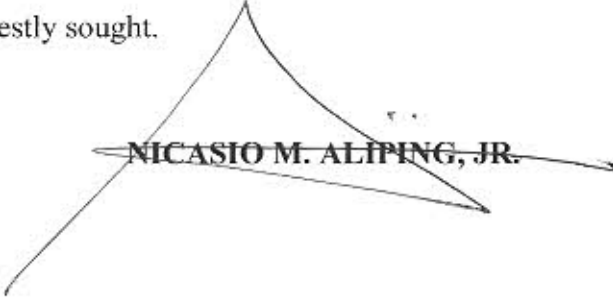
This bill seeks to further postpone the Sangguniang Kabataan elections scheduled by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) pursuant to Republic Act No. 10632 on February 21, 2015.

The postponement of the elections on October 28, 2013 was brought about by the urgent need for reforms in the Sangguniang Kabataan. In response, several bills introducing the much-needed reforms were filed and are currently being deliberated as possible amendments to the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA No. 7160). These changes will find more meaning and greater impact on the Sangguniang Kabataan if the desired reforms are firmly in place before the leaders and officials are elected.

It is necessary, therefore, that the Sangguniang Kabataan elections be postponed once more. The postponement will allow Congress more time to legislate the appropriate amendments to applicable provisions of the Local Government Code affecting the Sangguniang Kabataan. Thereafter, the youth who will aspire to be elected as officials of the renewed Sangguniang Kabataan will have sufficient time to familiarize themselves with their roles, functions, duties and responsibilities as such youth leaders. And, the next elections for Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials who will be working closely together in their respective barangays will again be synchronized.

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


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AN ACT
POSTPONING THE SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO
OCTOBER 31, 2016, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND
SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN ELECTIONS”

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, otherwise known as “An Act Providing for Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections”, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340 and Republic Act No. 10632, is hereby further amended to read, as follows:

“Section 1. *Date of Election.* – There shall be synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections which shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter; *Provided, That* the sangguniang kabataan elections on October 28, 2013 shall be postponed to [a date to be determined by the COMELEC between October 28, 2014 and February 23, 2015] **OCTOBER 31, 2016.**”

SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Commission on Elections and the Department of the Interior and Local Government shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act within thirty (30) days after its effectivity.

SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, letters of instruction, executive orders, rules and regulations, or any part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,