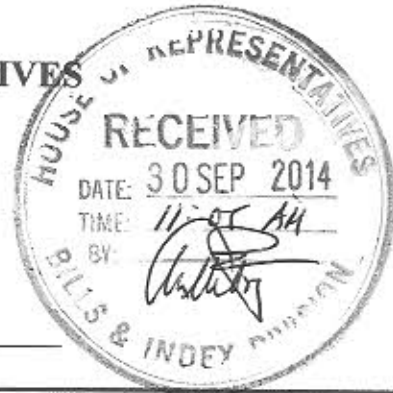


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TO SIX YEARS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

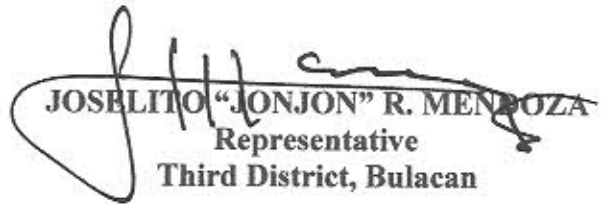
Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates the role of the barangay as the basic political unit. As such, barangay officials have become the front liners of basic public service delivery.

However, despite this gargantuan task, these same barangay officials have to contend with political changes every three years as they share the same term with other local and national officials.

Exercising the power granted by Article X, Section 8 of the 1987 Constitution to fix the terms of barangay officials, Congress should then explore the possibility of extending the term of barangay officials to six (6) years for the following purposes:

1. To minimize political interference in the barangay level and improve local stability;
2. To allow barangay officials to focus on long term service goals;
3. To maximize training programs for barangay officials; and
4. To save public funds that would have been spent on barangay elections;

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


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

- 1 Section 1. ***Extension of the Term.***- The term for barangay officials shall be six (6) years
2 No such official shall serve for more that two(2) consecutive terms in the same position.
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4 Section 2. ***Voluntary Renunciation Not An Interruption.***- The voluntary renunciation of
5 the office of any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity
6 of service for the full term for which the elective official was elected.
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8 Section 3. ***Amendment of Related Laws.***- All relevant laws are, hereby, amended
9 accordingly.
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11 Section 4. ***Effectivity.*** This law shall take effect after publication in the Official Gazette
12 and two (2) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,