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House Bill No. **5917**



Introduced by **Rep. EVELIO R. LEONARDIA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In this present modern era of our time, problems confronting the local government unit most especially the Punong Barangays are intermingled with legal issues that such complication and intricacies, it necessitates the presence of a legal mind. The presence of a legal expert will give assistance to the Punong Barangays resolve legal issues which consequently produce an optimum delivery of services to the barangay.

Hence, for reason of better barangay governance, the creation of the Office of the Barangay Legal Officer is much recommended.

As such, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 396 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 THEREBY ADDING A SUB-
SECTION, A PROVISION CREATING AN OFFICE OF THE BARANGAY LEGAL
OFFICER

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

SECTION 1. Section 396-A of the Republic Act 7160 is hereby added, creating an Office of the Barangay Legal Officer, to read as follows:

The Barangay Legal Officer

Section 396-A. *Qualifications, Terms, Powers and Duties.*

(a) No person shall be appointed barangay legal officer unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the local government concerned, of good moral character, and a member of the Philippine Bar. He must have practiced his profession for at least one (1) year.

The term of the legal officer shall be coterminous with that of his appointing authority.

The appointment of legal officer shall be optional for the barangay.

(b) The barangay legal officer shall take charge of the office of legal services and shall do the function of the legal officer as provided for in Section 481, paragraph (b) of the Local Government Code of 1991.

SEC. 2. All existing laws or parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3 This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,