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Explanatory Note

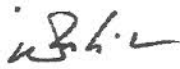
This proposed measure seeks to extend the term of office for elected barangay officials from three (3) years to six (6) years.

It is often said that the role of the barangay as our basic political division or unit in the country is indispensable in carrying basic public services to the public in general. Its role has been established in Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991".

Under the 1987 Constitution, Article X (Local Government), Section 8, it provides that: "The term of office of elective local officials, except barangay officials, which shall be determined by law, shall be three years and no such official shall serve for more than three consecutive terms. Voluntary renunciation of the office for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of his service for the full term for which he was elected."

It is the humble submission of this representation that Congress, in the exercise of its plenary power, should be open in extending the term of office of barangay officials not only to improve local stability and avoid political interference in the locality, but for these barangay officials to focus and concentrate on their mandate of providing the much-needed public service to the community.

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


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AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERM OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO SIX YEARS

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

Section 1. The term of barangay officials shall be six (6) years. These barangay officials shall not serve office for more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position.

Section 2. Voluntary renunciation of the office for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of his service for the full term for which he was elected.

Section 3. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,