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9 **HOUSE BILL NO. 5653**
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18 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**
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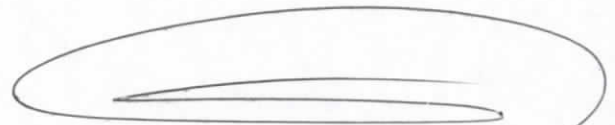
20 This bill seeks to synchronize the October 2017 barangay and
21 sangguniang kabataan (SK) elections to the second Monday of May 2019
22 with the regular elections for national and local officials.
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24 The synchronization of the barangay and SK elections with the
25 regular elections ensures that any unnecessary expenses will be avoided.
26 Holding a separate election for barangay officials would involve the
27 preparation of election venues, payment of salaries for election workers,
28 and transportation of election material, all charged to the taxpayers.
29 Should the barangay elections be held concurrently with the regular
30 elections, these election-related costs would be reduced to the benefit of
31 the taxpayer.
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33 Moreover, synchronizing the barangay and SK elections with the
34 regular elections ensures continuity in public service. Barangays are at
35 the forefront of public service and require consistent leadership. By
36 holding the elections simultaneously with the national and local

1 elections, the electorate would be able to elect barangay officials with
2 similar policy objectives and service initiatives as with their provincial,
3 city, or municipal counterparts.

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5 For the aforementioned reasons, the undersigned submits this bill
6 for the consideration of this august body.
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JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL
Second District of Surigao
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14 **AN ACT SYNCHRONIZING THE 2017 BARANGAY AND**
15 **SANGGUNIAN KABAAAN ELECTIONS WITH THE NATIONAL**
16 **AND LOCAL ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE**
17 **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164**
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19 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines*
20 *in Congress assembled:*
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22 **Section 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic
23 Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10656, and Republic Act No. 10923, is
24 hereby further amended to read as follows:
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26 "SECTION. 1. *Date of Election.* - There shall be synchronized
27 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections, which shall be held
28 on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay and
29 sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday
30 of October 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter: Provided,
31 That the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections on October
32 31, 2016 shall be postponed to the **SECOND** [fourth] Monday of

1 **MAY 2019** [2017]. Subsequent synchronized barangay and
2 sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the second
3 Monday of May **2022** [2020] and every three (3) years thereafter."
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5 **Section 2.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic
6 Act No. 9340 and Republic Act No. 10923, is hereby amended to read as
7 follows:
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9 "SEC. 4. Assumption Office. - The term of office of the barangay
10 and sangguniang kabataan officials elected under this Act shall
11 commence at noon of November 30 next following their election:
12 Provided, however, That the term of office of the barangay and
13 sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the May **2022** [2020]
14 elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of
15 June 30 next following their election."
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17 **Section 3. Hold Over.** - Until their successors shall have been duly elected
18 and qualified, all incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office,
19 unless sooner removed or suspended for cause.
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21 **Section 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The Commission on
22 Elections shall, within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act,
23 promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.
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25 **Section 5. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules or
26 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent or in conflict with the
27 provisions of this Act are hereby expressly repealed, amended, or
28 modified accordingly.
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30 **Section 6. Separability Clause.** - If for any reason any section or provision
31 of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections
32 or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be
33 in full force and effect.
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1 **Section 7. Effectivity.** – This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days
2 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of
3 general circulation.