

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **6179**



Introduced by Hon. Juliet Marie D. Ferrer

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 15 October 2016, Republic Act No. 10923, otherwise known as AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED, was passed.

Pursuant to R.A. 10923, the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2017. However, due to the present peace and order situation in our country, specifically, the Marawi crisis which resulted in the proclamation of the President declaring Martial Law in the entire Mindanao region, there is now a need to postpone the scheduled Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections to a later date.

Due to the circumstances in Marawi, it would be of paramount importance to provide funding for activities that address the needs of the civilians that have been displaced by the Marawi crisis, as well as the needs of our soldiers and their families. Through the delivery of medical, food and temporary housing, the country will be able to alleviate the suffering felt by our fellow Filipinos affected by the raging conflict. Furthermore, once the peace and order situation has stabilized in the region, we must also provide for funds for the eventual rehabilitation of infrastructure that have been damaged by weeks of firefights and bombings.

In view thereof, I hereby seek for the immediate enactment of this law.


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AN ACT
AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF R.A. 10923 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN
ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG
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. 10923, 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 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections on October 31, 2017 shall be postponed to the fourth Monday of October **2019**. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the **FOURTH** Monday of **OCTOBER 2022** and every three (3) years thereafter."

SECTION 2. Hold Over - Until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, all incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause.

SECTION 3. The Commission on Elections and the Department of Interior and Local Government shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this act within thirty (30) days after its effectivity.

SECTION 4. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved