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AN ACT
EXTENDING THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR THE
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Regular elections are one the crucial conditions and foundations of democracy. Pursuant to its mandate under Section 8 of Republic Act No. 8189 or the “Voter’s Registration Act of 1996”, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) promulgated COMELEC Resolution No. 10549 on 18 July 2019 and COMELEC Resolution No. 10635 on 10 January 2020, setting the voter registration for the May 2022 National and Local Elections from 20 January 2020 until 30 September 2021.

However, given the extraordinary circumstances of the pandemic, the COMELEC had to suspend voter registration in many areas under enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) and modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) for several times. Thus, it is necessary to extend the voters registration, in order to provide enough opportunities for unregistered Filipinos of voting age to register, and eventually exercise their constitutional right to suffrage.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate 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:

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Extending the 2022 Elections Voter Registration Act*”.

SECTION 2. *Extension of Registration of Voters.* – The registration of voters for the 2022 National and Local Elections is hereby extended to 31 October 2021.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, Implementing Rules and Regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,