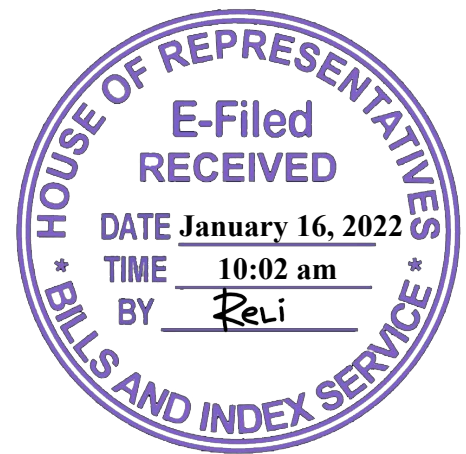


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HOUSE BILL NO. 10678



Introduced by HONORABLE WES GATCHALIAN

AN ACT
POSTPONING THE MAY 2022 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN
ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS
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REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923, REPUBLIC ACT NO.
10952 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11462, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislation proposes to postpone the synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections from December 5, 2022 to the first Monday of 2024 and every three years thereafter.

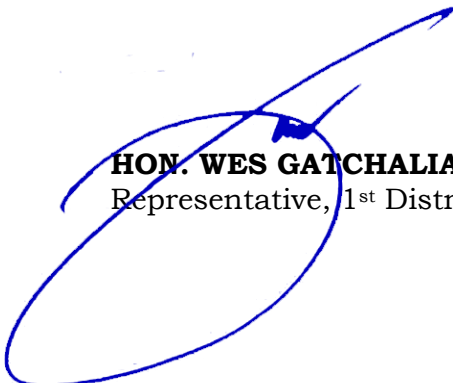
The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic are expected to remain and be felt for a few more years. The proposed postponement of the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections will allow our newly elected National and Local officials — this coming May 9, 2022 elections — to build upon the programs and projects that were already being implemented during the pandemic. The familiarity of our incumbent barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials with their respective jurisdictions and constituency will ensure that the mechanism for the efficient delivery of governmental services that is already in place will not be disrupted, despite the forthcoming changes in our national and local government leadership.

If approved into law, the proposed postponement will provide stability and constancy in the programs already implemented in the grassroots level. It will also create opportunities for our incumbent barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials to continue their programs and projects that have already commenced and further introduce improvements and remedial interventions to these ongoing reforms.

The proposed postponement will also alleviate the predicament of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) on having to conduct two sets of elections within a single year. The May 2022 National and Local Elections and the December 2022 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections are just six months apart. This would mean that the Commission will have to divide its personnel in preparing for

both the logistics of the elections and election paraphernalia, including the printing of ballots, which usually takes several months to complete.

In view of this, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby further
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **“Section 1. Date of Election.**— There shall be
4 synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections,
5 which shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized
6 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on
7 the last Monday of October 2007 and every three (3) years
8 thereafter: Provided, That the barangay and sangguniang
9 kabataan elections on December 5, 2022 shall be postponed to
10 the first Monday of May 2024. Subsequent synchronized
11 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on
12 the first Monday of May 2027 and every three (3) years
13 thereafter.”

14 **SECTION 2.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby
15 further amended to read as follows:

16 **“Sec. 4. Assumption of Office.**— The term of office of the
17 barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected under
18 this Act shall commence at noon of June 30 next following their
19 election: Provided, however, That the term of office of the
20 barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the
21 May 6, 2024 elections and subsequently thereafter, shall
22 commence at noon of January 1 next following their election.”

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2 **SECTION 3. *Hold-Over.***— Until their successors shall have been duly elected
3 and qualified, all incumbent barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials shall
4 remain in office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause: Provided, That
5 barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials who are ex officio members of the
6 sangguniang bayan, sangguniang panlungsod, or sangguniang panlalawigan, as the
7 case may be, shall continue to serve as such members in the sanggunian concerned
8 until the next barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections.

9 **SECTION 4. *Appropriations.***— The amount necessary for the
10 implementation of this Act shall be taken from the appropriations of the Commission
11 on Elections (COMELEC) under the General Appropriations Act and/or
12 supplementary appropriations thereafter.

13 **SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.***— All other laws, acts, presidential decrees,
14 executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or
15 parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of this Act,
16 are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

17 **SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.***— If any portion or provision of this Act is
18 declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected
19 thereby shall remain in force and effect.

20 **SECTION 7. *Effectivity.***— This Act shall take effect immediately following the
21 completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers
22 of general circulation.

23 *Approved,*