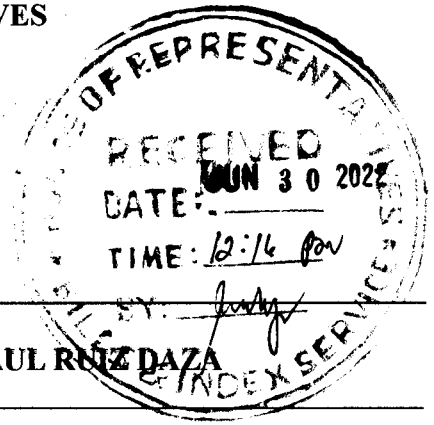


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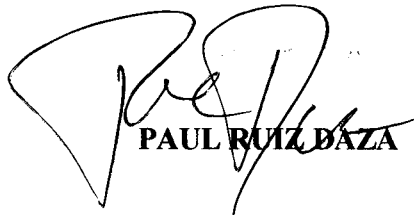
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our incumbent barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials have been the government's frontliners in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic since the beginning. Thus, the experience and skills they have acquired during their years of service will undoubtedly be invaluable as we continue to live according to the "new normal." This proposed postponement of the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections will not only operate to minimize the spread of the virus and prevent another surge but will also allow our newly elected National and Local officials to improve upon the programs and projects that were already being implemented since the outbreak of the pandemic.

Furthermore, the postponement of the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections will allow the projected expenses thereof amounting to Php. 8,000,000,000.00 to be utilized instead for other more pressing and critical programs, activities and projects of the National government.

Lastly, the proposed postponement will relieve the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) from the burden of having to conduct two elections in one year with only a 6-month gap between them. For the COMELEC and its personnel to function at peak efficiency as well as to avoid any circumstance that might lead to the disenfranchisement of the electorate, they must be given ample time to prepare for the next election. This will also provide the COMELEC with the much-needed opportunity to focus on resolving the administrative and logistical issues and other legal matters such as electoral protests arising from the May 2022 National and Local Elections.

In light of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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**“AN ACT
POSTPONING THE DECEMBER 2022 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN
ELECTIONS TO DECEMBER 1, 2023, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 10656, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952 AND REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 11462, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby further amended to
2 read as follows:
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4 **“SECTION 1. *Date of Elections.*** - There shall be a synchronized
5 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections, which shall be
6 held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay and
7 sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday
8 of October 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter: *Provided,*
9 That the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections on the
10 second May of May 2020 shall be postponed to the first Friday of
11 December 2023. Subsequent synchronized barangay and
12 sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the first Monday
13 of December 2026 and every three (3) years thereafter.”
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15 **SEC. 2.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as
16 follows:
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18 **“SECTION 4. *Assumption of Office.*** - The term of office of the
19 barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected under this
20 Act shall commence at noon of June 30 next following their
21 election: *Provided, however,* That the term of office of the
22 barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the
23 December 1, 2023 elections and subsequently thereafter, shall
24 commence at noon of February 1 next following their elections.”
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27 **SEC. 3. *Hold-Over.*** - Until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, all
28 incumbent barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials shall remain in office, unless sooner removed
29 or suspended for cause: *Provided,* That barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials who are ex-officio
30 members of the sangguniang bayan, sangguniang panlungsod, or sangguniang panlalawigan, as the case
31 may be, shall continue to serve until the next barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections.

1 **SEC. 4. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be
2 taken from the appropriations of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) under the General
3 Appropriations Act and/or supplementary appropriations thereafter.
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5 **SEC. 5. Repealing Clause.** - All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders,
6 issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to and
7 inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
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9 **SEC. 6. Separability Clause.** – If any part, section or provision of this Act shall be held invalid
10 or unconstitutional, the rest of the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.
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12 **SEC. 7. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect immediately following the completion of
13 its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,