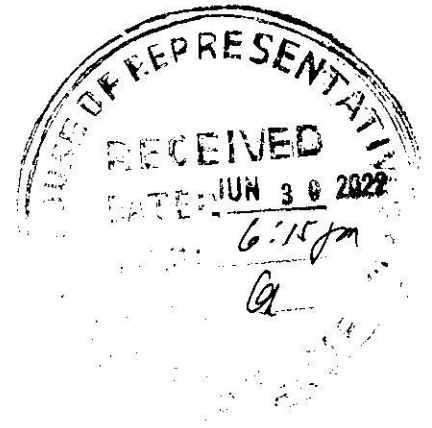


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the Local Government Code, the barangay serves as the basic political unit which is tasked with primary planning and serves as an implementing unit of government programs, basic services, projects and activities and as a forum of the crystallized collective views of the people in the community.

Republic Act No. 9614 provides for the conduct of a synchronized elections for the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials. RA 9164, however, was previously amended by Republic Acts Nos. 9340, 10632, 10656, 10923, 10952, and 11642 wherein these legislations provide for the postponement of the scheduled day of elections based on valid justifications.

This bill seeks to postpone the December 2022 Barangay and SK elections in hopes to address the interruption in the term of the incumbent barangay and SK officials, extending their respective terms for another year. This will allow the said officials to efficiently deliver all ongoing programs, services, and projects in the community, especially in the expense of the proliferating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. After all, the barangay is the backbone and the first line of defense of local governance.

This proposed measure aims to move the day of the synchronized Barangay and SK elections to May 2024, which would allow a relief from the heavy social, economic, and political toll that the elections, most especially presidential elections, entail.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



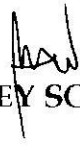
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AN ACT

POSTPONING THE MAY 2023 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, 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 11462 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Acts Nos. 9340, 10632, 10656, 10923, 10952, and 11462, 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 program 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 23, 2017] December 5, 2022 shall be postponed to [December 5, 2022] **THE SECOND MONDAY OF MAY 2024**. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the second Monday of [December 2025] **MAY 2027** and every three (3) years thereafter.”*

SEC. 2. Section 4 of the Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

*“SEC. 4. Assumption of Office. – The term of office of barangay sangguniang kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence at noon of June 30 next following their election.” *Provided*, however, That the term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the [December 5, 2022] **MAY 2024** elections and subsequently*

thereafter, shall commence at noon of [January 1] JUNE 1 next following their election."

SEC. 3. *Hold-Over.* – Until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, all incumbent barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials shall remain in office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause. *Provided,* That barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials who are *ex officio* members of the sangguniang bayan, sangguniang panlungsod, or sangguniang panlalawigan, as the case may be shall continue to serve as such members in the sanggunian concerned until the next barangay election. The Liga ng mga Barangay at the municipal, city, and provincial levels shall, not later than July 31, 2023, conduct elections for *ex officio* positions in the sanggunians under the supervision of the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately following the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,