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HOUSE BILL NO. **515**



Introduced by **HONORABLE RAMON JOLO B. REVILLA III**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to reset the next Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections from December 5, 2022 to December 4, 2023.

The Barangay is the smallest administrative unit in the Philippines. Its strength comes necessarily from its easy accessibility. And this is what makes the public administration system of the Philippines unique as it has a manager down to the grassroots in the form of the Barangay system.

In addition, the Barangay political system is characterized by a more personal and intimate relationship. Barangay officials belong to one neighborhood, and as such, issues within the barangay are resolved, as much as practicable, in the barangay.

The importance of Barangay, as well as Sangguniang Kabataan, officials cannot be overemphasized. These officials are considered the front liners in the delivery of social services.

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


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AN ACT
POSTPONING THE DECEMBER 2022 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN
KABATAAN ELECTIONS, 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 the House of Representative of the Philippines in congress assembled:

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

"SECTION 1. *Date of Election.* – There shall be synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections 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 December 5, 2022 shall be postponed to December 4, 2023. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the first Monday of December 2026 and every three (3) years thereafter."

SECTION 2. Section 4 of Republic Act 9164, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. *Assumption of Office.* –The term of office of all barangay and 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 4,

2023 elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of January 1, 2024 next following their election.”

SECTION 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 panglalawigan, as the case may be, shall continue to serve as such members in the sanggunian concerned until the next barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections.

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

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* — If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* — All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, or any parts thereof, which are contrary and inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,