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HOUSE BILL NO. 1035



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to postpone the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections scheduled in December 2022. It likewise extends the term of all barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials from three (3) years to five (5) years.

The country is still reeling from the adverse effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Like all countries in the world, it is also facing rising fuel and food prices brought about by increasing global demand and conflict. The new administration, therefore, needs additional budget to help ease the burden of our constituents who are feeling the brunt of these current events. Postponing the December 2022 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections will free up more than Php8 Billion which can be used for pandemic response or as financial aid to our countrymen.

On the other hand, during the campaign, His Excellency President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. already expressed his desire to extend the term of barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials from three (3) years to five (5) years. A longer term would, indeed, give our barangay officials more time to effectively implement their programs and plans for their constituents.

Because of the imminence of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections, the immediate passage of this bill is sought.


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3 cember 2025. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elec-
4 tions shall be held on the first Monday of December 2030 and every five (5) years
5 thereafter.

6 **Section 2. *Term of Office*** – The term of office of all barangay and sangguniang
7 kabataan officials after the December 2025 elections mentioned in Section 1 hereof
8 shall be five (5) years.

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11 oned from the 1994 barangay elections. Voluntary renunciation of office for any
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2 **Section 3. *Assumption of Office.*** - The term of office of the barangay and
3 sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the December 2025 elections and
4 subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of January 1 next following their
5 election.

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

13 **Section 5. *Appropriations.*** — The amount necessary for the implementation of
14 this Act shall be taken from the appropriations of the Commission on Elections
15 (COMELEC) under the General Appropriations Act and/or supplementary
16 appropriations thereafter.

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

21 **Section 7. *Separability Clause.*** — If any portion or provision of this Act is
22 declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected
23 thereby shall remain in force and effect.

24 **Section 8. *Effectivity.*** — This Act shall take effect immediately following the
25 completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of
26 general circulation.

27 *Approved,*