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House Bill No. 1110



Introduced by Hon. MARVIN C. RILLO
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EXPLANATION NOTE

The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly affected the economic health of countries, and, naturally, the livelihood and sustenance of people all over the world. Now, because the virus has been, more or less, contained and preventive measures have been implemented to keep to the lowest minimum – if not totally irradicate, its adverse effects, a lot of countries have started to open up to the world again and relax their restrictions to revive their economies and improve domestic demand conditions.

Similarly, here in the Philippines, the present administration of President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr. aligns its goals to support existing relevant national policies and formulate ways to further sustain the recent steady improvements in the economic conditions of the country as well as the welfare of the people.

Based on the Philippine Statistics Authority, the country's gross domestic product (GDP) from Q3 2020-2021, Q4 2020-2021 to Q1 2021-2022 have steadily increased from 7.0, 7.8, and 8.3, respectively.¹ This just shows that the country's gradual relaxation of pandemic restrictions greatly impacts the economic health of the nation and livelihood of the people. Hence, the policies that should be implemented in our country must further assist in the process of reviving the country's economy and improving the lives of the people.

Accordingly, this bill proposes for the postponement of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections on December 05, 2022, as mandated by Republic Act 9164 as amended, to May 06, 2024; and re-allocate the supposed budget for the elections of more or less Eight Billion Pesos (P8,000,000,000), to support and fund the government's efforts towards economic recovery and termination of or actions against COVID-19.

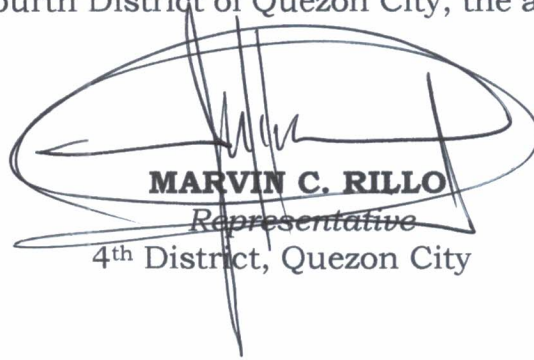
Consequently, the incumbent Barangay Officials and Sangguniang Kabataan will continue, among others, to serve their respective localities, provide basic government services and disseminate relevant information from the national government until the incoming set of officials will take over after the postponed elections.

This postponement of the scheduled December 2022 synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections to the date proposed in the Bill will provide a measure of continuity in the national government's efforts to

¹ https://psa.gov.ph/content/gdp-posts-83-percent-growth-first-quarter-2022?fbclid=IwAR3tULH3j6sypRw9d9mpouFMJNODIEjgYmL2cCqnYt5514Sg3o6LK1_o6cs

combat the ill-effects of the COVID-19 pandemic – and the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials who shall benefit from the resulting extended term shall surely be effective frontliner-partners in the delivery of i basic government services to carry out the mandate of national government.

On behalf of the people of the Fourth District of Quezon City, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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“AN ACT POSTPONING THE DECEMBER 5, 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, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11462 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

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

“SECTION 1. *Date of Election.* - There shall be a synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections, which shall be held 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 the first Monday of December 2022 shall be postponed to May 6, 2024. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the second Monday of May 2027 and every three (3) years thereafter.”

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

“SECTION 4. *Assumption of Office.* - The term of office of the 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 May 06, 2024 elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of July 1 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 panlalawigan, as the case may be, shall continue to serve as such members in the sanggunian concerned until the next barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections.

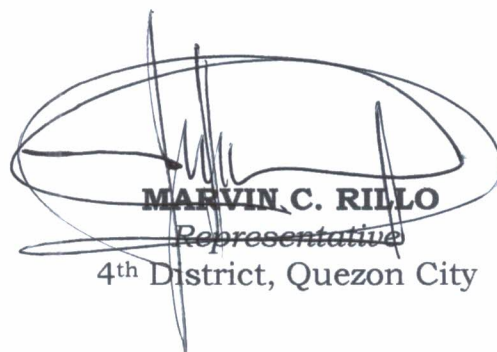
Section 4. Appropriations. - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be taken from the appropriations of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) under the General Appropriations Act and/or supplementary appropriations thereafter.

Section 5. 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 provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 6. 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.

Section 7. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect immediately following the completion of its publication either in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.



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