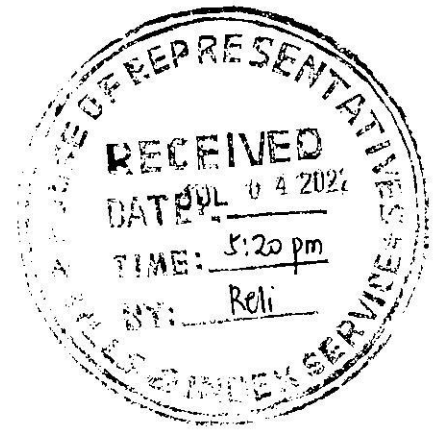


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our barangay officials, the sangguniang kabataan included, have been doing the heavy-lifting in the fight against COVID-19. As one of the government's frontliners, our barangay officials have been active in information campaign drives against the virus, in implementing health protocols, in ensuring that all forms of government assistance are orderly distributed, and taking an active role to make sure that the country's vaccination program is efficiently implemented.

Until the World Health Organization finally declares that the pandemic is over, the country should not put its guards down in dealing with the virus.

With a new set of government officials elected this 9 May 2022, it is imperative, if not crucial, to ensure continuity in government response. Our COVID-response, like that of any other governments around the world, is far from perfect. But surely, it is our barangay officials alongside our medical frontliners who have become adept in responding to health crises like COVID-19.

By postponing the 5 December 2022 barangay and SK elections to the fourth Monday of October 2023, we not only ensure that we have battle-tested frontliners until the pandemic is finally over, but we also have the opportunity to use the funds initially allotted for barangay and SK elections to much-needed social protection programs for the people.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Faustino A. Dy V'. Below the signature, the name 'FAUSTINO 'INNO' A. DY V' is printed in a bold, sans-serif font.

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AN ACT
POSTPONING THE DECEMBER 2022 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG
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 in 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 Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923, Republic Act No. 10952 and Republic Act No. 11462 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 1. Date of Election. - There shall be 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 second Monday of May 2020 shall be postponed to **23 OCTOBER 2023** [December 5, 2022]. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the **FOURTH MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2026** [first Monday of December 2025] and every three (3) years thereafter."

SECTION 2. Assumption. – The term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence at noon of November 30 next following their election.

SECTION 3. Hold Over. – Until the successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, all incumbent barangay 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. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Commission on Elections shall, within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. – All law, decrees, ordinances, rules or regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby expressly repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. – If for any reason any section or provision of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected hereby shall continue to be in full 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) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,