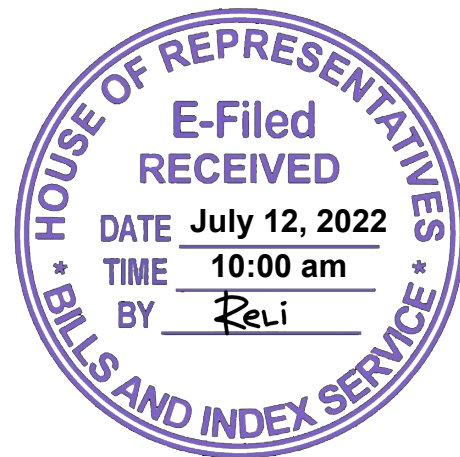


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House Bill No. **1840**



Introduced by Representative Ron P. Salo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to postpone the December 5, 2022 barangay and sangguniang kabataan (SK) elections to October of 2023.

Barangay officials are at the forefront of government service. These public officials are crucial figureheads of the local communities. In light of the importance of the leaders of the Philippine government's basic political unit, the planned barangay elections must be properly conducted in order to give our electorates the best opportunity to exercise their right of suffrage.

Given the coordination costs and expense of organizing the elections, especially during a global pandemic and just after a synchronized national and local elections, it is proposed that we give the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) and other involved agencies additional time to prepare and ensure credible and effective barangay elections. This will also afford more time for the registration of voters for the barangay elections, particularly those who will vote for the first time.

Re-scheduling the barangay elections will also provide a political respite to our people particularly after a highly divisive elections held in May of this year. Meantime, it will allow the new Administration to focus on economic programs that will alleviate the plight of our people.

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

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KABAYAN Party List

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AN ACT

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 Representatives 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 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 December 5, 2022 shall be postponed to October 2, 2023. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the first Monday of October 2026 and every three (3) years thereafter.”

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

“SEC. 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 October 2, 2023 elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of November 1 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 and sangguniang kabataan elections.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 5. Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.