

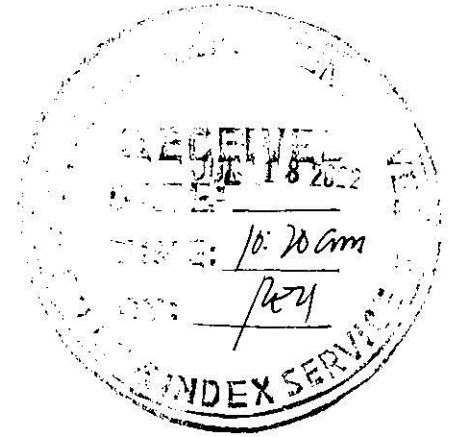


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HOUSE BILL NO. **2057**



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE FRANCISCO PAOLO P. ORTEGA V**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to postpone and/or rest the upcoming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections from December 2022 to May 2024 and every three years thereafter.

The pandemic caused by the Covid-19 virus is still expected to affect and be felt for a few more years, as suggested by medical experts. The proposed postponement of the Barangay and SK Elections will allow our newly elected national and local officials in the recently concluded May 2022 elections to focus their attention to strengthening and building our strategies, programs and projects to contain and address this global pandemic.

As front liners in their respective barangays, the officials are already familiar with the existing mechanisms for the efficient and effective delivery of governmental services and should not be disrupted with the possible changes in the barangay leadership. It is worthwhile to note that the familiarity of the barangay officials will facilitate the delivery of services.

Needless to say, the COMELEC will be given ample time to prepare for the next Barangay and SK elections as we have just concluded the national and local elections.

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**AN ACT POSTPONING THE DECEMBER 2022 BARANGAY AND
SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO MAY 6, 2024, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923, REPUBLIC ACT NO.
10952 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11462, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Republic Act 9164, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. *Date of Elections.* 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 second Monday of May 2020 shall be postponed to the first Monday of 2024. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the second Monday of May 2027 and every (3) years thereafter.”

Section 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 May 6, 2024 elections and 1 next following their elections.”

Section 3. Hold-Over. – Until their successor 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 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, issuance, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with this any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Separability Clause. – If any part, section or provision of this Act shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the rest of the provisions not be affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

Section 7. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect immediately following the completion of its publication in the *Office Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.