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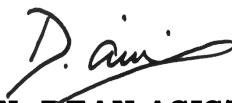
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan offices are in charge of formulating the plans and programs in their respective areas, making them the frontline in the delivery of government services. More importantly, they are the most accessible during this pandemic.

As of this day, our country is still recovering from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, and we continue to face numerous challenges that are in need of long-term solutions. Hence, stability and constancy in the implemented policies and programs is truly a must. In this regard, this legislation proposes to postpone the synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections from December 5, 2022 to the first Monday of March 2024 and every three years thereafter.

The proposed postponement will create opportunities for our incumbent Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials to continue their programs and projects that have already commenced, and further introduce improvements and remedial interventions to these ongoing reforms. This will also provide the newly elected national and local officials a pavement for continuity especially in tackling our problems in this time of crisis.

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


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AN ACT
POSTPONING THE DECEMBER 2022 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG
KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO THE FIRST MONDAY OF MARCH 2024,
AMENDING R.A. NO. 9416

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 the first Monday of March 2024. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the first Monday of March 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:

“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 March 4, 2024 elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of April 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 provision 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) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,