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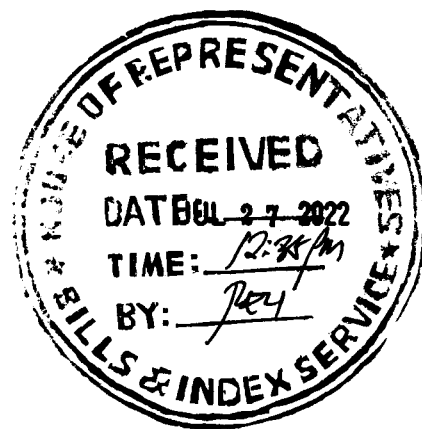
House of Representatives

Batasan Hills, Quezon City

Nineteenth Congress

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **2476**



Introduced by Representative **Florencio Gabriel "Bem" G. Noel**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Whereas, Article X, Section 8 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the term of office of barangay officials shall be determined by law;

Whereas, the Supreme Court in the case of COMELEC vs. Cruz, et al. [G.R. No. 186616] stated that Congress has plenary authority under the Constitution to determine by legislation not only the duration of the term of barangay officials but also the application to them of a consecutive term limit;

Whereas, on July 2, 2022, the Department of Health reported that all regions posted a sharp rise in Covid cases;

Whereas, incumbent officials at the barangay level are better equipped to continue the implementation of national programs and projects during an ongoing pandemic;

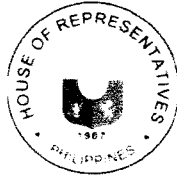
Whereas, to allow the national government to allocate a portion of the national budget, intended for the conduct of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections, to other matters of greater national concern;

Whereas, to allow the national government to fully recover from the pandemic,

Therefore, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

Damo nga salamat.

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**AN ACT POSTPONING THE DECEMBER 2022 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN
KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING R.A. No. 11462, AS AMENDED**

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

SECTION 1. Sec. 1 of the Republic Act No. 11462, 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 May 2024. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the first Monday of May 2027 and every three (3) years thereafter."

SEC 2. *Hold-over of Incumbent Elective Officials* – Incumbent Barangay Officials shall remain and continue in Office in a hold-over capacity until their successors shall have been elected and qualified, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause.

SEC 3. *Appropriations* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be taken from the appropriations of the Commission on Elections under the General Appropriations Act and/or any supplementary appropriations thereafter.

SEC 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – The COMELEC shall, within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

SEC 5. *Separability Clause* – Should any of the provisions of this Act or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, so far as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

SEC 7. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,