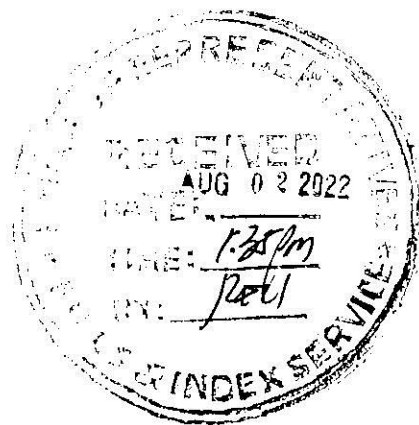




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HOUSE BILL NO. 2986



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislation proposes to postpone the synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections from December 5, 2022 to the second Monday of October 2023 and every three years thereafter.

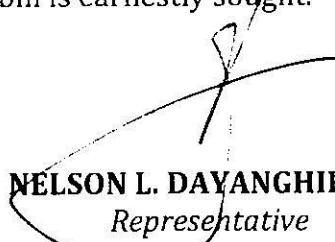
Undeniably, the world has been profoundly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, posing threats to public health, long-term livelihoods and well-being of millions of people. While it seems manageable, the increasing number of Covid-19 cases in the Philippines and abroad remains to be a major concern which necessitates the further strengthening of our health systems and thus, requiring the continuity of our efforts from all levels of the government.

If enacted into law, the incumbent barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials will ensure the thorough implementation of all programs and projects as well as the efficient delivery of services at least at the barangay level despite the changes in our national and local government leadership as a result of the recently concluded elections. More importantly, the interventions already in place in response to Covid-19 pandemic and its adverse effects will not be disrupted nor delayed while we are still in recovery stage and adjusting to the new leadership at the national and local levels at the same time.

In addition, this will ease the burden of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in conducting two elections all in the same year considering the rigorous preparations in holding an election.

Moreover, given our limited financial resources, the postponement of the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials for one more year will be of huge help to the government to quickly get back on its feet and continuously deliver public services in the most prudent and economical way.

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


NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG
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AN ACT
POSTPONING THE DECEMBER 2022 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN
KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO OCTOBER 9, 2023, 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 OTHE
RPURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION. 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act 9164, as amended, is hereby further amended
2 to read as follows:
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4 "SECTION 1. *Date of Elections.* - There shall be a
5 synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan
6 elections, which shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent
7 synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan
8 elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2007
9 and every three (3) years thereafter: *Provided*, That the
10 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections on the
11 second Monday of May 2020 shall be postponed to the
12 second Monday of October 2023. Subsequent synchronized
13 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held
14 on the second Monday of October 2026 and every three (3)
15 years thereafter."
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17 **SEC. 2.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended is hereby further amended
18 to read as follows:
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20 "SEC. 4. *Assumption of Office.* - The term of office of the
21 barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected under
22 this Act shall commence at noon of June 30 next following
23 their election: *Provided, however*, That the term of office of
24 the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in
25 the October 9, 2023 elections and subsequently thereafter,
26 shall commence at noon of January 1 next following their
27 elections."
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29 **SEC. 3. *Hold-Over.*** – Until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified,
30 all incumbent barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials shall remain in office,
31 unless sooner removed or suspended for cause: *Provided,* That barangay and
32 sangguniang kabataan officials who are ex-officio members of the sangguniang
33 bayan, sangguniang panlungsod, or sangguniang panlalawigan, as the case may be,
34 shall continue to serve until the next barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections.
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36 **SEC. 4. *Appropriations.***—The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act
37 shall be taken from the appropriations of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC)
38 under the General Appropriations Act and/or supplementary appropriations
39 thereafter.
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41 **SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.***—All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive
42 orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof,
43 which are contrary to and inconsistent with this any provision of this Act, are
44 hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
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46 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.***—If any part, section or provision of this Act shall be held
47 invalid or unconstitutional, the rest of the provisions not be affected thereby shall
48 remain in force and effect.
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50 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.***—This Act shall take effect immediately following the
51 completion of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of
52 general circulation.
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54 *Approved.*