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House Bill No. **3310**



Introduced by **HON. JOSEFINA B. TALLADO**

AN ACT POSTPONING THE DECEMBER 2022 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAM 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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Reeling from the adverse economic effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the massive government expenses for the recently concluded National elections, this humble representation joins the clamor to postpone the December 2022 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections Officials to May 2024.

The cost of conducting said election alone amounts to about Php8.14 Billion, an amount which can be redirected to finance other equally important government initiatives to arrest the financial impact of the pandemic and the substantial rise in the price of fuel and basic commodities.

The measure will also alleviate the burden of the Commission on Election in conducting another nationwide election in a span of only seven months while pandemic is still prevalent and positivity rate of Covid-19 infection is again steadily rising.

Finally, lest it be misconstrued, this measure is not, in any way, meant to downplay the important role of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Officials in our basic political communities. On the contrary, the consequential extension of terms of the current officials brought about by the proposed postponement, is to highlight the necessity of allowing the incumbent to continue the current COVID-19 Pandemic response and provide a much needed guide to new local chief executives in ensuring a more effective and efficient governance in the barangay level.

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


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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 by Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923 and Republic Act No. 10952 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1 Date of Election. – There shall be synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan election, which shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequently 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 second Monday of May 2024. Subsequently synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the second Monday of May 2027 and every three (3) years thereafter."

SECTION 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by the Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923, and Republic Act No. 10952, 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 2024 elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of June 30 next following said 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 laws, executive orders, rules and regulations, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any part or portion or provision of this Act shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, no other part, section or provision thereof shall be affected thereby.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication either in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.