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HOUSE BILL NO. **3426**



Introduced by Rep. Sittie Aminah Q. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislative measure aims to postpone and/or reset the scheduled Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections on December 5, 2022 to a later date in December 2024.

The last Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections was held last October 2018, by virtue of Republic Act No. 10952, but the succeeding synchronized elections is scheduled this coming December 5, 2022, by virtue of Republic Act No. 11462. But as we are only trying to recover from the years of hard lockdowns brought about by this Covid-19 pandemic, the conduct of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections may definitely affect our national coffers. The projected cost for the conduct of the synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections will amount to Php 8 Billion, an amount that may be used to help boost our economic standing post-pandemic.

For these reasons, this measure seeks to postpone the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections to December 2024, thereby saving the earmarked budget of Php 8 Billion that may be utilized by this new administration to jumpstart our economic recovery which is ultimately beneficial to the Filipino people.

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


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**AN ACT POSTPONING THE DECEMBER 2022 SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY
AND SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN 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
AND 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 No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923, Republic Act No. 10952 and Republic Act No. 11462, 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 the second Monday of May 2020 shall be postponed to the first Monday of December 2024. Subsequent synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2026 and every three (3) years thereafter.”

SECTION 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10923, Republic Act No. 10952 and Republic Act No. 11462, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 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 December 2024 Elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of January 1 next following their elections."

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.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part hereof is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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

SECTION 7. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.