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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This draft measure seeks to postpone the scheduled December 2022 Barangay Election to the first Monday of December 2023.

Our country just recently concluded the 2022 National and Local Elections. As such, there was a turnover of the government to the new administration.

As expected, most of the budgetary expenditures for this fiscal year have been utilized already. The new administration is now placed in a very difficult situation as it will not be able to immediately implement its new plans and programs. This includes jumpstarting the economy ravaged by the Covid19 pandemic.

One fund source that may be tapped would be the around P8 Billion Pesos allocated for the December 2022 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections. It is not much, but it would be suffice for programs, especially for the continued pandemic response.

It may be true that the electorate would be deprived of the opportunity to elect new leaders in the community level. However, this is a small sacrifice considering the economic predicament our country presently faces.

It is in this regard that this draft measure is being forwarded. Thus, the immediate passage of the bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
POSTPONING THE DECEMBER 5, 2022 BARANGAY
AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO
THE FIRST MONDAY OF DECEMBER 2023,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NOS.
9340, 10632, 10656, 10923, 10952, AND 11462, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is
2 hereby further amended to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 1. Date of Election. - There shall be
4 synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections,
5 which shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized
6 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be held on
7 the last Monday of October 2007 and every three (3) years
8 thereafter: *Provided, That* the Barangay and Sangguniang
9 Kabataan elections on ~~[the second Monday of May 2020]~~
10 **DECEMBER 5, 2022** shall be postponed to **THE FIRST**
11 **MONDAY OF** December ~~[5, 2022]~~ **2023**. Subsequent

1 synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections
2 shall be held on the first Monday of December [~~2025~~] **2026** and
3 every three (3) years thereafter."

4 **SECTION 2.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is
5 hereby further amended to read as follows:

6 "SEC 4. Assumption of Office. - The term of office of the
7 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials elected under this
8 Act shall commence at noon of June 30 next following their
9 election: *Provided*, however, That the term of office of the
10 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials elected in the
11 **FIRST MONDAY OF December** [~~5, 2022~~] **2023** elections and
12 subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of January 1
13 next following their election."

14 **SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders,
15 presidential decrees, proclamations, rules, regulations, issuances and
16 enactments of parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or
17 modified accordingly.

18 **SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act, or any
19 part thereof, is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity
20 and effectivity of the other portions.

21 **SECTION 5. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
22 from its complete publication in the Official Gazette of in a newspaper of
23 general circulation in the Philippines, whichever comes earlier.

APPROVED.