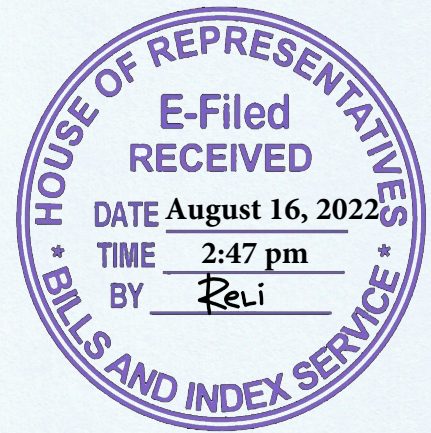


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3689



Introduced by REP. REX GATCHALIAN

AN ACT
CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS
OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FROM THREE (3) YEARS TO FIVE (5)
YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 43 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8524 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As the most basic political unit serving as the primary planning and implementing unit of the national government's policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community, barangays play a crucial role as a partner of the national government to respond to developmental challenges at the grassroots level. They are the first level responders for community concerns and are faced with the herculean task of delivering the most essential needs for its constituents. In addition to implementing programs and policies of the national government, barangays are also empowered to enact its own ordinances to compliment the responsibilities conferred upon them by law.

However, the current term of three years is seen to be too short to successfully implement effective programs and policies. Often times, just when a policy or program is about to be implemented, it gets cut short because of a change in leadership. By extending the term from three years to five years these elective officials can make well-planned and effective programs for their barangay and see through it until its implementation. Moreover, they can focus on their responsibility to ensure the delivery of basic services and promote the general welfare of the barangay without worrying about the next election.

This bill seeks to extend the term of office of barangay officials and members of the sangguniang kabataan from three years to five years and at the same time limit the term of barangay officials to two consecutive terms instead of the previous three terms.

Aside from the benefit of having the elected officials of the barangay focus on their responsibilities, extending the term from three years to five years also allows the government to save on election expenditures and resources spent to train new sets of barangay officials and members of the sangguniang kabataan every three years. The savings can be reprogrammed to create more projects or to supplement the budgets of current programs that are being implemented.

In view of the foregoing, approval 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:

1 SECTION 1. Section 43 of Republic Act No. 7160 (RA 7160), otherwise known
2 as the "*Local Government Code of 1991*" is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 "Section 43. Term of Office

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8 (b) No local elective official shall serve for more than three (3)
9 consecutive terms in the same position[-], **EXCEPT FOR BARANGAY**
10 **OFFICIALS WHO SHALL NOT SERVE FOR MORE THAN TWO (2)**
11 **CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THE SAME POSITION.** Voluntary
12 renunciation of the office for any length of time shall not be considered
13 as an interruption in the continuity of service for the full term for which
14 the elective official concerned was elected.

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16 (c) The term of barangay officials and members of the sangguniang
17 kabataan shall be for five (5) years, which shall begin after the
18 **SYNCHRONIZED** [regular] election of barangay officials **AND**
19 **MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN** on [the second

Monday of May 1997] **DECEMBER 5, 2022, AND EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS THEREAFTER** [:- Provided, That the sangguniang kabataan members who were elected in the May 1996 elections shall serve until the next regular election of barangay officials].”

SEC. 2. Section 11 of Republic Act No. 10742, otherwise known as the “*Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015*”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC 11. *Term of Office.* – (a) The chairperson and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan shall hold office for a fixed term of [~~three (3)~~] **FIVE (5)** years unless sooner removed for cause, permanently incapacitated, have died or resigned from office.”

SEC. 3. Section 32 of Republic Act No. 10742, otherwise known as the “*Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015*”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 32. *Date of Election.* - The Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be synchronized with the barangay elections and subsequently every [~~three (3)~~] **FIVE (5)** years thereafter.”

SEC. 4. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 11462, otherwise known as the “*Act Postponing the May 2020 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections*”, is hereby 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 December 5, 2022. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the first Monday of December [~~2025~~] **2027** and every [~~three (3)~~] **FIVE (5)** years thereafter.”

1 SEC. 5. ***Separability Clause.*** – If any provisions of this Act is held invalid
2 or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and
3 effect.

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5 SEC. 6. ***Repealing Clause.*** – Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9164 is hereby
6 repealed. All other laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations
7 inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or
8 modified accordingly.

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10 SEC. 7. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
11 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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13 Approved,