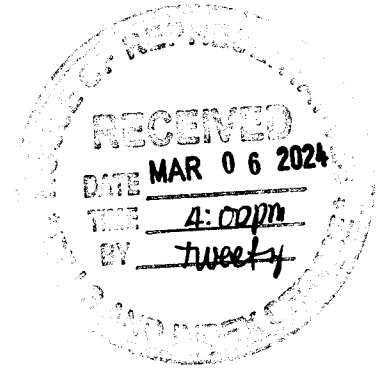


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House Bill No. 10065



Introduced by Representative Luis N. Campos Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Recognizing their critical roles in the efficient administration, utilization, and allocation of barangay funds, this bill seeks to strengthen the fiscal administration in barangays by professionalizing the position of barangay treasurers and creating a position for barangay bookkeepers, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "*Local Government Code of 1991*".

This measure provides for additional qualifications of barangay treasurers considering their position as custodians of public funds and given the fiduciary nature of their positions. The position of barangay bookkeeper is also created to assist the barangay treasurers in barangay fiscal administration. The duties and responsibilities of barangay treasurers and bookkeepers are also updated to include the maintenance of accurate financial records and to ensure compliance with fiscal regulations.

In addition, this bill seeks to increase their honorarium to be commensurate with their additional responsibilities and qualifications.

The passage of this bill would lead to better financial governance at the grassroots level, efficient use of barangay funds, reduced financial errors, less legal cases arising out of improper handling of public funds, and an overall improvement in local government service.

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

Respectfully submitted,


LUIS N. CAMPOS JR.

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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY FISCAL ADMINISTRATION BY
PROFESSIONALIZING THE POSITION OF BARANGAY
TREASURERS AND CREATING A POSITION FOR BARANGAY
BOOKKEEPERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

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

SECTION 1. Section 395 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, is
further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 395. Barangay Treasurer: Appointment,
Qualifications, Powers and Duties. - xxx.

"(a) The barangay treasurer shall be appointed by the
punong barangay with the concurrence of the majority of all the
sangguniang barangay members. [~~The appointment of the
barangay treasurer shall not be subject to attestation by the Civil
Service Commission.~~] THE BARANGAY TREASURER SHALL
ENJOY SECURITY OF TENURE AND MAY NOT BE
REMOVED WITHOUT JUST CAUSE AND DUE PROCESS.

"(b) The barangay treasurer shall be of legal age, OF GOOD
MORAL CHARACTER, a qualified voter, [~~and~~] an actual resident
of the barangay concerned[.], CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBLE AND
HOLDER OF A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HAS COMPLETED
A SPECIAL COURSE OR TRAINING MANDATED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT (DILG).

“(c) xxx.

“(d) xxx.

“(e) The barangay treasurer shall:

“(1) xxx;

“xxx;

“(6) xxx;

“(7) Plan and attend to the rural postal circuit within his jurisdiction; ~~and~~

“(8) **MAINTAIN, UPDATE, AND COMPLETE ACCURATE FINANCIAL RECORDS;**

“(9) **ENSURE COMPLIANCE OF THE BARANGAY WITH THE FISCAL REGULATIONS; AND**

“~~[(8)]~~ (10) Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

“(F) **THE BARANGAY TREASURER IS ENTITLED TO AN HONORARIUM EQUIVALENT TO THE SALARY OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER II, OR AT LEAST SALARY GRADE 15 SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE RATE OF PAY IN THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY CONCERNED.**”

SEC. 2. A new section, denominated as Section 395-A , is inserted after Section 395 of the same Act to read as follows:

“SEC. 395-A. BARANGAY BOOKKEEPER. - THERE SHALL BE A BARANGAY BOOKKEEPER IN EVERY BARANGAY WHICH SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PUNONG BARANGAY WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAJORITY OF ALL THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY MEMBERS.

“THE BARANGAY BOOKKEEPER SHALL ASSIST THE BARANGAY TREASURER IN THE FISCAL ADMINISTRATION AND IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES ENUMERATED UNDER SECTION 395 OF THIS ACT.

“THE BARANGAY BOOKKEEPER SHALL HAVE THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS AS THE BARANGAY TREASURER AND SHALL

ENJOY SECURITY OF TENURE AND MAY NOT BE REMOVED WITHOUT JUST CAUSE AND DUE PROCESS.

“THE BARANGAY BOOKKEEPER IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE AN HONORARIUM EQUIVALENT TO ONE SALARY GRADE LOWER THAN THE HONORARIUM OF THE BARANGAY TREASURER.”

SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. If any provision of this act is declared invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,