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HOUSE BILL NO. 10346



Introduced by HON. BAMBI B. EMANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to extend the term of office for all Barangay Officials from the current three (3) years to six (6) years.

The Local Government Code, (R.A. 7160) has been a fundamental legislation in decentralizing governance and empowering local government units, particularly the barangays. Under this Code, the existing three-year term for barangay officials was initially established to find a middle ground between maintaining governance continuity and periodically evaluating leadership and governance. Nevertheless, it has become evident over time that extending the term to six years would be more pragmatic and advantageous for the community. This longer term would guarantee the uninterrupted implementation of development initiatives for the barangay, allowing officials more time to carry out and conclude their projects, programs, and policies. The goal of extending the term is to offer Barangay Officials an extended period to foster stability and continuity in local governance.

Further, this bill would enhance the term of office of all barangay officials from the Punong Barangay, Barangay Kagawad to Sangguniang Kabataan officials, from three (3) years to six (6) years. This will give our barangay officials sufficient time to finish their projects and programs and to introduce and promote sustainable development and to meet the changing needs of the communities they serve.

Lastly, this bill will restrict all barangay officials from holding on to the same position for more than two consecutive terms. This will give those with capabilities to serve their community and infuse new ideas for the betterment of the barangay.

In view of the foregoing, this bill's approval is fervently sought.


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AN ACT
INSTITUTING A SIX (6) YEAR TENURE FOR ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE SECTION 43 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160 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. *Amendment of Section 43 of R.A. 7160.* The term of all elected Barangay Officials shall be extended from three (3) years to six (6) years, amending for the purpose of Section 43 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 43. Term of Office:

*(a) The term of office of all [local elective officials] **BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE PUNONG BARANGAY, BARANGAY KAGAWADS, AND THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS,** elected after the effectivity of this Code shall be [three] **SIX YEARS,** [starting from noon of June 30, 1992 or such date as may be provided for by law, except that of elected barangay officials: Provided, That all local officials first elected during the local elections immediately following the ratification of the 1987 Constitution shall serve until noon of June 30, 1992] **WHICH SHALL BEGIN AFTER THE REGULAR BARANGAY ELECTIONS.***

*(b) No [local elective] **BARANGAY** official shall serve for more than [three (3)] **TWO (2)** consecutive terms in the same position. Voluntary renunciation of the office for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of service for the full term for which the elective official concerned was elected.*

(c) x x. x

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SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,