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EXPLANATORY NOTE

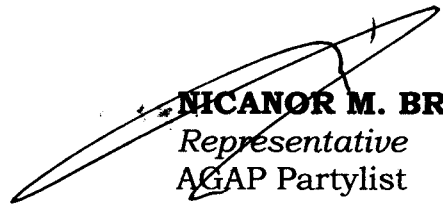
Barangays are statutorily considered the basic political unit. Under the Local Government Code, barangays are recognized as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled (Section 384).

Barangay officials, thus, play a crucial role in the growth and development of the nation. They serve as frontliners for government programs, public services, and social welfare and public order concerns. They also witness first-hand the needs and issues within the barangay. Given the nature of their responsibilities, they are most capable of identifying program and policy recommendations that will address and prevent problems within their jurisdiction.

However, due to the short term of office and current term limitations of these officials, programs intended for the development of barangays are often short-sighted or only partially executed, thereby, making implementation of such programs too short to make a substantial impact to the community. If not, such programs are discontinued immediately once the next set of officials are elected. In turn, long-term development goals are compromised and not attained.

This bill aims to address this issue by extending the term of office of elective barangay officials to five years, while limiting their election to two consecutive terms. This ensures continuity, completeness, effectivity, and success in the implementation of programs for barangays, thus contributing to the achievement of long-term development goals of the country.

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



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AN ACT
CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 43 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF
THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. Section 43 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 43. *Term of Office.* – (a) The term of office of all local elective officials elected after the effectivity of this Code shall be three (3) years, starting from noon of June 30, 1992 or such date as may be provided for by law, except that of elective 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.

(b) No local elective official shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same position, **except that of elective barangay officials and members of the sangguniang kabataan**. 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) The term of office of barangay officials and members of the sangguniang kabataan shall be for **FIVE (5) YEARS**. **No elective barangay officials including members of the sangguniang kabataan shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position.**

SEC.2. The amendment introduced by this Act shall apply to the next Barangay Elections to be held after the effectivity of this Act and every Barangay Elections thereafter.

SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause* - If any provisions of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected hereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,