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2nd District, Ilocos Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of this measure is to extend the term of office for Barangay officials from the present three years to six years. The rationale behind this proposal is that three years is insufficient given the diverse responsibilities that Barangay officials undertake. These officials serve as the closest level of government to the people, handling a wide range of issues, from local concerns to personal matters, including peacekeeping.

As the fundamental unit of governance, barangay officials face the unfortunate reality that their numerous duties and responsibilities frequently leave them with insufficient time to formulate, develop, and implement their own policies and projects. The current three-year term is inadequate for these officials to witness the completion of their own projects, as a significant portion of their term is dedicated to carrying out the policies and projects of the national government, as well as those of city, municipal, or provincial government units.

Furthermore, It is also important to underscore the significant impact of Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) officials in the development and progress of the barangay. Therefore, the terms of office for SK officials should be addressed in future amendments or revisions of these laws.

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


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**AN ACT SETTING TERM OFFICE FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND
OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Term of Office. The term of office for all elected barangay officials shall be six (6) years. No barangay elective official shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position. Voluntary renunciation of office for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of service for the full term to which the elective official was elected.

SEC. 2. Date of Election. The next regular barangay elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2029 and every six (6) years thereafter.

SEC. 3. Assumption of Office. The term of office for barangay officials elected after the effectivity of this Act shall commence at noon on November 30 following their election.

SEC. 4. Incumbent Barangay Officials. All incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office unless sooner removed or suspended for cause until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 6. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and binding.

SEC. 7. Repealing Clause. All other laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 8. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,