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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Sangguniang Kabataan (SK), the youth's primary avenue for participation in governance, plays a crucial role in nation-building. Increasing the term of SK members from three to six years is deemed necessary for the following reasons:

1. A longer term will allow SK members to fully implement their programs and projects, ensuring continuity and sustainability of youth development initiatives.
2. A six-year term will provide SK members ample time to establish stronger relationships with their constituents, fostering greater trust and cooperation.
3. A longer tenure will enable SK members to gain more experience in governance and leadership, enhancing their capacity to effectively represent the youth sector.
4. Extending the terms of SK members can potentially reduce election-related expenses, allowing funds to be reallocated to more pressing youth development programs.

In light of the preceding, this bill's approval is fervently sought.

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

SECTION 1. *Term of Office.* The term of office of all members of the sangguniang kabataan shall be six (6) years.

SECTION 2. *Date of Elections*. — The next regular barangay elections shall be held on October 30, 2029, and every six (6) years thereafter.

SECTION 3. *Assumption of Office*. — The term of office of members of the sangguniang kabataan elected subsequent to the effectivity of this Act shall commence at noon of November 30 next following their election.

SECTION 4. *Hold Over.* — All incumbent members of the sangguniang kabataan shall remain in office unless sooner removed or suspended for cause or until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Elections shall, in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* — Any portion or provisions of this Act that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, memoranda, circulars, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette, in a newspaper of general circulation, or on a digital platform provided for by law.

Approved,