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Introduced by Representative LORDAN G. SUAN

AN ACT
INCREASING THE TERM OF BARANGAY ELECTIVE OFFICIALS FROM THREE (3) YEARS TO SIX (6) YEARS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed bill seeks to extend the term of elected barangay officials from three (3) years to six (6) years.

Elected barangay officials play a crucial role in local governance. As the frontline of government service, they are directly involved in addressing the needs of their constituents.

Setting a longer term will promote continuity and stability in barangay governance, leading to impactful and sustainable development at the grassroots level. Frequent elections disrupt the implementation of development plans and hinder long-term visioning, and costly for the government. A longer term will allow elected barangay officials to focus on their duties without the pressure of impending elections. This will lead to more efficient and effective service delivery to the community.

A longer term will foster stronger relationships between elected barangay officials and their constituents, leading to more effective community development initiatives.

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

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 elected barangay officials 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 elected barangay officials 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 website provided for by law.

Approved,