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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 10928

Introduced by **HON. FLORIDA P. ROBES**

AN ACT CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FROM FIVE (5) YEARS TO SIX (6) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 43 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

EXPLANATORY NOTE

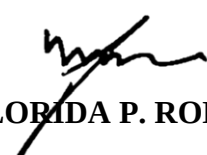
The 1987 Constitution, recognizes the value of local governments, Article XIII, Sec. 2, of the provides that “The territorial and political subdivisions shall enjoy local autonomy.” Sec. 3 of the same provision enshrines the power of the Congress to “enact a local government code which shall provide for a more responsive and accountable local government structure instituted through a system of decentralization....”

The Congress took a huge leap forward on the road towards autonomy when the Local Government Code of 1991 was enacted into law. More than three decades after, however, several of its provisions requires revisions and updating to strengthen the power of the local governments.

Several national programs and projects are being enacted from the barangay level and at times, its success falters due to discontinuity in local officials. Despite calls for unities, the sad reality on the ground is, the realization of projects may be affected by any change in administration and its officials.

This bill seeks to lengthen the tenure of barangay officials and Sangguniang Kabataan members to ensure the continuity of projects, programs, and activities, for economic revitalization, access to social services, and improvement of the quality of life of Filipinos; beginning from the basic unit of the government.

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


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

SECTION 1. Sec. 43 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 43. *Term of office.* - (a) The term of office of all 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 and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan: 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, WHOSE TERMS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY SEC. 43 (C). 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 barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan shall be for SIX (6) years, which shall begin after the regular election of barangay officials on the second Monday of MAY 2025: Provided, That NO BARANGAY OFFICIALS OR MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SHALL SERVE FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to the incumbent barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan.

SEC. 3. If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,