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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 11096

Introduced by Representative Joseph Gilbert F. Violago



EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 43 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the term of barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan shall be for three (3) years.¹

According to recent data from the Department of Interior and Local Government, there are 42,004 barangays that make up 1,493 municipalities and 149 cities in 82 provinces in the Philippines.² As the basic political unit, barangays serve 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, LGC).³

On the other hand, the Sangguniang Kabataan has the power to promulgate resolutions necessary to carry out the objectives of the youth in the barangay in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law, initiate programs designed to enhance the social, political, economic, cultural, intellectual, moral, spiritual, and physical development of the members; coordinate with the appropriate national agency for the implementation of youth development projects and programs at the national level, among other powers and functions (Section 426).⁴

Taking into consideration the primordial role of the barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan in the delivery of basic governmental services to the people and to ensure the continuity of programs and projects in the barangay level, this measure seeks to amend the existing law to change the term of the barangay

¹ RA No. 7160, Sec. 43.

² REGIONAL SUMMARY NUMBER OF PROVINCES, CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND BARANGAYS BY REGION AS OF JUNE 30, 2024. DILG Facts and Figures. <<https://www.dilg.gov.ph/facts-and-figures/Regional-and-Provincial-Summary-Number-of-Provinces-Cities-Municipalities-and-Barangays-as-of-30-September-2020/32>>

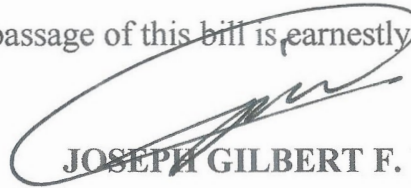
³ Supra note 1, Sec. 384.

⁴ *Ibid*, Sec. 426.

officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan from three (3) years to six (6) years, subject to a two-consecutive-term limit.

A similar version of the bill was filed in the 18th Congress, and the present proponent acknowledges the hard work and wisdom of his predecessors.

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 AND
MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FROM THREE (3)
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

Be it enacted by the Senate and 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 three (3)] **SIX (6)** years, which shall begin after the regular election of barangay officials on the second Monday of [May 1994] **MAY 2025: Provided, That NO BARANGAY OFFICIALS OR**

**MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SHALL SERVE
FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE TERMS.**

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

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. – All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,