

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3375



Introduced by Representative ZALDY “JECOY” S. VILLA

AN ACT
AMENDING SECTIONS 443, 454, AND 463 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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This proposed measure seeks to amend Sections 443, 454, and 463 of the Code, which pertain to the composition of municipal, city, and provincial governments, respectively.

The main goal of this amendment is to strengthen local leadership and improve public service delivery by updating the qualifications and responsibilities of key officials, ensuring that organizational structures at the municipal, city, and provincial levels are more responsive to the growing and changing needs of constituents, and enhancing the professionalism and capacity of local government to manage resources, lead programs, and respond to challenges effectively.

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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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Sections 443 of the Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991” is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 443. Officials of the Municipal Government.

(a) There shall be in each municipality a municipal mayor, a municipal vice mayor, Sangguniang Bayan members, a secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan, a municipal treasurer, a municipal assessor, a municipal accountant, a municipal budget officer, a municipal engineer/building officer, and municipal civil registrar.

In municipalities where tourism is a significant industry, a Tourism Officer shall also be appointed, in accordance with the qualifications set forth in Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the “Tourism Act of 2009.”

SECTION 2. Sections 454 of the Local Government Code of 1991 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 454, Officials of the City Government.

(a) There shall be in each a city mayor, vice mayor, Sangguniang Panlungsod members, a secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, a city treasurer, a city assessor, a city accountant, a city budget officer, a city planning and development coordinator, a city engineer, a city health officer, a city civil registrar, a city administrator, a city legal officer, a city veterinarian, a city social welfare and development officer, and a city general services officer.

In Cities where tourism is a significant industry, a Tourism Officer shall also be appointed, in accordance with the qualifications set forth in Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the "Tourism Act of 2009."

SECTION 3. Sections 463 of the Local Government Code 1991 is hereby amended read as follows:

Sec 463. Officials of the Provincial Government.

(a) There shall be in each provincial governor, a vice governor, members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, a secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, a provincial treasurer, a provincial assessor, a provincial accountant, a provincial engineer, a provincial budget officer, a provincial planning and development coordinator, a provincial legal officer, a provincial administrator, a provincial health officer, a provincial social welfare and development officer, a provincial general services officer, a provincial agriculturist, and a provincial veterinarian.

In Provinces where tourism is a significant industry, a Tourism Officer shall also be appointed, in accordance with the qualifications set forth in Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the "Tourism Act of 2009."

SECTION 4. *Implementing Agency.* The Department of the Interior and Local Governance (DILG) in coordination with the Department of Tourism (DOT) shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or portions thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* If any part of provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be full force and effect.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,