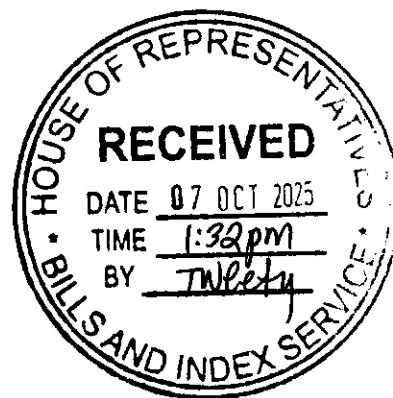




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HOUSE BILL NO. 5223



Introduced by Representative Dennis "Alden" Almario

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Seeking to strengthen fiscal administration in barangays by professionalizing the position of barangay treasurers and by creating a position for barangay bookkeepers, this bill amends the Local Government Code of 1991.

The role of barangay treasurers is critical for the proper fiscal administration of barangay funds. Recognizing this role as financial administrators at the grassroots level of local government, this measure aims to promote their position, enhance their capability, and increase their honorarium to improve efficiency, transparency, and overall good governance at the Philippine's core government unit - the barangay.

Under this bill, the position of barangay bookkeeper is also created to assist the barangay treasurer. Barangay treasurers and bookkeepers must possess relevant educational and professional qualifications such as civil service eligibility, or a bachelor's degree, or alternatively complete a special course or training mandated by the Department of the Interior and Local Government. The duties and responsibilities of barangay treasurers and bookkeepers are updated to include the maintenance of accurate financial records at the barangay level and to ensure compliance with fiscal regulations.

Enactment of this bill will lead to better bookkeeping, greater accountability of custodians of public funds, and improvement of local government service. Moreover, it standardizes the position nationwide.

Rightfully, in view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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1 OR TRAINING MANDATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
2 INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG).

3 “(c) xxx.

4 “(d) xxx.

5 “(e) The barangay treasurer shall:

6 “(1) xxx;

7 “xxx;

8 “(6) xxx;

9 “(7) Plan and attend to the rural postal circuit within his
10 jurisdiction; [and]

11 “(8) MAINTAIN, UPDATE, AND COMPLETE
12 ACCURATE FINANCIAL RECORDS;

13 “(9) ENSURE COMPLIANCE OF THE BARANGAY
14 WITH THE FISCAL REGULATIONS; AND

15 “[~~(8)~~] (10) Exercise such other powers and perform such
16 other duties and functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

17 “(F) THE BARANGAY TREASURER IS ENTITLED TO AN
18 HONORARIUM EQUIVALENT TO THE SALARY OF AN
19 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER II, OR AT LEAST SALARY GRADE 15
20 SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE RATE OF PAY IN THE CITY OR
21 MUNICIPALITY CONCERNED.”

22 SEC. 2. A new section, denominated as Section 395-A, is inserted after Section
23 395 of the same Act to read as follows:

24 “SEC. 395-A. BARANGAY BOOKKEEPER. - THERE SHALL BE A
25 BARANGAY BOOKKEEPER IN EVERY BARANGAY WHICH SHALL BE
26 APPOINTED BY THE PUNONG BARANGAY WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF
27 THE MAJORITY OF ALL THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY MEMBERS.

1 **"THE BARANGAY BOOKKEEPER SHALL ASSIST THE BARANGAY**
2 **TREASURER IN THE FISCAL ADMINISTRATION AND IN THE**
3 **PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES ENUMERATED UNDER SECTION 395 OF THIS**
4 **ACT.**

5 **"THE BARANGAY BOOKKEEPER SHALL HAVE THE SAME**
6 **QUALIFICATIONS AS THE BARANGAY TREASURER.**

7 **"THE BARANGAY BOOKKEEPER IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE AN**
8 **HONORARIUM EQUIVALENT TO ONE SALARY GRADE LOWER THAN THE**
9 **HONORARIUM OF THE BARANGAY TREASURER."**

10 SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of
11 the Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the
12 effective implementation of this Act.

13 SEC. 4. If any provision of this act is declared invalid or unconstitutional the
14 remaining provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

15 SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other
16 issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
17 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

18 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
19 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

20 Approved,