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HOUSE BILL NO. 6913



Introduced by Representative SITTIE SHAHARA “BAI DIMPLE” I. MASTURA

AN ACT

CREATING THE MANDATORY POSITION OF MUNICIPAL GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 443 AND 490 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create the position of a general services officer in municipalities by amending Sections 443 (a) and 490 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”, as amended.

The general services officer is the over-all custodian on record of the local government unit however RA7160 provided for the creation of this position in provinces and cities only.

To effectively manage with transparency and accountability all the properties, real or personal, owned by the local government unit, as well as those granted to it in the form of donation, reparation, assistance or counterpart of joint projects, supply and property management as prescribed by laws, the mandatory creation of the position of a general services officer is not only overdue but vital in preserving, protection and safeguarding of government assets.

In view of such importance, passage of this bill 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. Section 443 of Republic Act No. 7160 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 planning and development coordinator, a municipal engineer / building official, a municipal health officer, [and] a municipal civil registrar [.] **AND A MUNICIPAL GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER.**

SEC. 2. Section 490 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 490. Qualifications, Powers and Duties. –

(a) x x x

The appointment of a general services officer is mandatory for the provincial, **MUNICIPAL** and city governments.

SEC. 3. Officers and employees of local government units concerned holding permanent positions shall be given preference in the selection and appointment to the positions herein created with those who are eligible and qualified for the position, given priority by the Selection and Promotion Board.

No new employees shall be hired until all current qualified employees have been considered and duly appointed. Temporary and casual employees who possess the necessary qualifications and appropriate civil service eligibility for permanent positions shall likewise be given preference in the selection and appointment to positions vacated by those who have been appointed to the newly-created positions.

SEC. 4. The appropriations for the permanent positions herein created, including other related budget for their respective offices, shall be included in the annual budget of the local government unit concerned of the year following the approval of this Act, and thereafter.

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

Approved,