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House Bill No. 8880

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Introduced by:  
HON. KING GEORGE LEANDRO ANTONIO V. COLLANTES

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The ongoing armed conflict in the Middle East has caused significant economic disruptions in global energy markets, resulting in sharp increases in oil prices and heightened inflationary pressures worldwide. The conflict has disrupted critical oil supply routes such as the Strait of Hormuz through which a substantial portion of the world's energy supply passes, leading to surges in crude oil prices exceeding \$100 per barrel, a huge blow to developing economies in Asia including the Philippines.

These developments have direct and indirect consequences on the domestic economy. Higher fuel prices increase the cost of transportation, electricity, and production, which in turn drive up the prices of basic commodities, including food and essential goods. Oil price shocks fuel inflation and reduce household purchasing power, most affecting the poorest and vulnerable sectors of society.

Acting decisively, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. issued Executive Order No. 110, Series of 2026, *Declaring a State of National Energy Emergency*, addressing the imminent danger resulting from the scarcity and instability of the nation's fuel supply.

In light of these extraordinary circumstances, there is a compelling need to ensure that the conduct of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections remain orderly, credible, and responsive to prevailing socio-economic realities of the people.

Thus, the resetting of the 2026 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections to September 2027, or ten (10) months from the originally scheduled date is hereby proposed as a measured and time-bound response to the ongoing economic crisis. This measure ensures that the will of the people to elect local officials is duly honored, while maintaining the continuity of public service in local communities.

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



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**AN ACT**  
**RESETTING THE 2026 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN**  
**ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 2 OF**  
**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12232, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1. Amendment of Section 2 of Republic Act No. 12232.** -  
Section 2 of Republic Act No. 12232 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2. Date of Election. - The next regular barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be held on the first Monday of ~~[November 2026]~~ **SEPTEMBER 2027** and every four (4) years thereafter.”

**SECTION 2. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be taken from the appropriations of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) under the General Appropriations Act and/or supplementary appropriation thereafter.

**SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.*** - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

**SECTION 4 . *Repealing Clause.*** - All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 5 *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect immediately following the completion of its publication either in the Official gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,