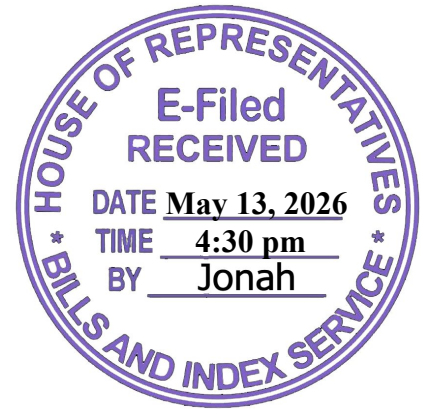


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HOUSE BILL NO. 9252



Introduced by **HON. ARTURO B. ROBES**

AN ACT
POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2026 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG
KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 9164, AS AMENDED, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution, recognizes the value of local governments. The Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) play a vital role in ensuring grassroots democracy and local governance.

However, numerous challenges have arisen that affect the effective conduct of these elections. These include the need for continuity in local programs, the efficient allocation of public funds, and the prioritization of national recovery efforts in light of economic pressures.

Furthermore, the current global climate, marked by ongoing armed conflicts and geopolitical tensions, has underscored the urgent need for governments to exercise prudence in fiscal management. The Philippines must ensure the proper allocation of its fiscal resources to safeguard national interests, mitigate the economic impact of war-related disruptions, and strengthen resilience against external shocks. This election will also place a significant financial burden on the government, diverting resources that could otherwise be used for essential public services and development programs.

This proposed measure seeks to postpone the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections originally scheduled for 2026 to 2029. The extension of the term of incumbent barangay and SK officials will allow for the uninterrupted implementation of ongoing projects, programs, and reforms at the community level.

Moreover, it aims to afford the government ample time to introduce and implement necessary electoral reforms that will strengthen the integrity, transparency, and efficiency of future barangay elections.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate 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 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Section 1. *Date of Election.* - There shall be synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections, which shall be held on the last Monday of October 2029 and every three (3) years thereafter.”

SEC. 2. *Hold-Over.* - Until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, all incumbent barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials shall remain in office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause: *Provided,* That barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials who are ex officio members of the sangguniang bayan, sangguniang panlungsod, or sangguniang panlalawigan, as the case may be, shall continue to serve as such members in the sanggunian concerned until the next barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections unless removed in accordance with their existing rules or for cause.

SEC. 3. *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.

SEC. 4. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,