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HOUSE BILL NO. 10392



Introduced by Representative SITTIE SHAHARA "BAI DIMPLE" I. MASTURA

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 488 (a) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, TO MANDATE THE APPOINTMENT OF POPULATION OFFICERS IN ALL PROVINCES, CITIES, AND MUNICIPALITIES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Amid a considerable decline in the population growth rate, the country's population will reach 117.7 million people in 2026.

Overcrowding in urban areas, rising demand for healthcare services, overcrowded classrooms, limited resources, deforestation, and pollution are issues of grave concern given that access to family planning and reproductive health services remains uneven among localities, particularly in rural areas.

To sustain development by managing population strategically, this bill seeks to mandate the appointment of population officers in all provinces, cities, and municipalities.

The population officer in each LGU shall be the focal person in the implementation of programs that address population and development issues related to population and family planning at the local level.

In view of the foregoing, 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 488 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 488. Qualifications, Powers and Duties. – (a) No person shall be appointed population officer unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the local government unit concerned, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree with specialized training in population development from a recognized college or university, and a first-grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have experience in the implementation of programs on population development or responsible parenthood for at least five (5) years in the case of the provincial or city population officer, and three (3) years in the case of the municipal population officer.

~~[The appointment of a population officer shall be optional in the local government unit. Provided, however, That provinces and cities which have existing population offices shall continue to maintain such offices for a period of five (5) years from the date of effectivity of this Code, after which said offices shall become optional.]~~

THE APPOINTMENT OF A POPULATION OFFICER IS MANDATORY FOR PROVINCIAL AND CITY GOVERNMENTS, AND OPTIONAL FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,