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HOUSE BILL NO. 10511



Introduced by
HON. ATTY. GERVILLE "JINKY BITRICS" R. LUISTRO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (BSK) are the fundamental institutions of local governance, serving as the government's primary link to communities and the youth. Through the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE), citizens are afforded the opportunity to choose leaders who will promote grassroots development, maintain peace and order, and advance meaningful youth participation in governance.

However, the conduct of nationwide synchronized elections demands substantial financial, administrative, and logistical resources. As government continues to address competing national priorities, including the implementation of critical infrastructure projects, education and health programs, disaster preparedness initiatives, and fiscal consolidation measures, it has become imperative to reassess the timing of the 2026 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections.

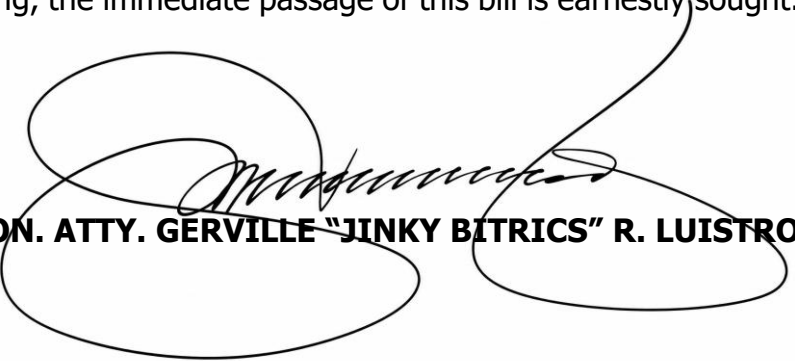
Postponing the BSKE to 2027 will enable the government to redirect public funds toward more urgent and immediate national concerns while allowing the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) sufficient time to complete procurement activities, enhance election preparations, improve voter education campaigns, and ensure the orderly, efficient, and credible conduct of the elections.

The proposed measure likewise seeks to prevent disruptions in the delivery of essential public services at the barangay level by allowing incumbent barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials to continue serving in a holdover capacity until their duly elected successors shall have qualified. Such holdover authority is intended solely to preserve continuity in governance and maintain uninterrupted delivery of basic public services during the postponement period.

This measure does not diminish the people's right to suffrage nor alter the democratic process. Rather, it merely adjusts the schedule of the elections in

furtherance of the State's compelling interest in ensuring fiscal prudence, administrative efficiency, and the orderly conduct of elections, while preserving stability in local governance.

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



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AN ACT
POSTPONING THE NOVEMBER 2, 2026 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN
KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO NOVEMBER 1, 2027, EXTENDING THE TERMS OF
INCUMBENT BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN OFFICIALS IN A
HOLDOVER CAPACITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

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4 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "**Barangay and**
5 **Sangguniang Kabataan Elections Postponement Act of 2026.**"

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7 **SECTION 2. Postponement of the 2026 Barangay and Sangguniang**
8 **Kabataan Elections.** - Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
9 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) scheduled on 2 November
10 2026 are hereby postponed to 1 November 2027, which shall be the date for the
11 conduct of the next Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections.

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14 **SECTION 3. Holdover of Incumbent Officials.** - The incumbent Punong
15 Barangays, Members of the Sangguniang Barangay, Sangguniang Kabataan
16 Chairpersons, and Members of the Sangguniang Kabataan shall continue to serve in a
17 holdover capacity until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified,
18 unless sooner removed or suspended for cause in accordance with law.

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20 **SECTION 4. Term of Office of Officials Elected in the 2027 BSKE.** -
21 Officials elected in the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections to be held on 1
22 November 2027 shall serve the term prescribed under existing laws unless otherwise
23 provided by subsequent legislation.
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1 **SECTION 5. Authority of the Commission on Elections.** - The
2 Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall issue the necessary rules, regulations,
3 resolutions, and calendar of activities for the effective implementation of this Act. It
4 shall likewise adjust all election-related deadlines, including but not limited to voter
5 registration, filing of certificates of candidacy, campaign period, appointment of
6 election personnel, procurement of election materials, and canvassing procedures.
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8 **SECTION 6. Use of Funds.** - The funds appropriated for the conduct of the
9 postponed 2026 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections shall remain available
10 for the conduct of the elections on the new date set under this Act, subject to
11 applicable budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.
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13 **SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within thirty (30)
14 days from the effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Elections shall promulgate the
15 implementing rules and regulations necessary for the faithful implementation of this
16 Act.
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18 **SECTION 8. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is declared
19 unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain
20 in full force and effect.
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22 **SECTION 9. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
23 and regulations, ordinances, and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with
24 the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
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26 **SECTION 10. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
27 its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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29 Approved,