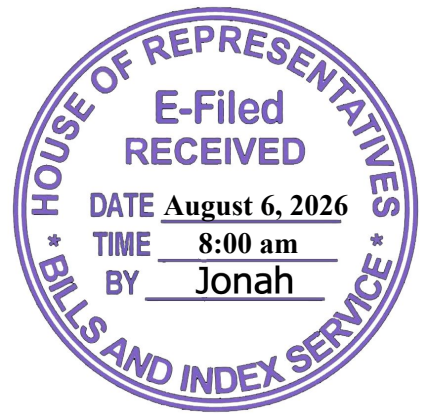


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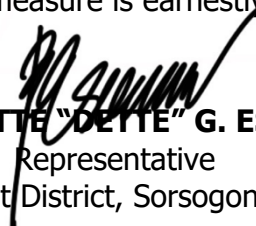
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Barangay, as the frontline institutions of public service, play critical roles in implementing various government programs, maintaining peace and order, resolving disputes, responding to disasters and calamities, and delivering basic services at the community level. As such, the effective delivery of these essential public services depends significantly on the stability and capacity of barangay governments and their officials.

Consistent with Article X, Section 8 of the 1987 Constitution, which authorizes Congress to determine by law the term of office of barangay officials, this counterpart measure also filed in the Senate likewise seeks to enhance the stability and consistency of public service at the barangay level by providing for a five (5)-year term for barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan. The proposed extension would promote continuity in governance, provide sufficient time for the planning and implementation of long-term community development initiatives, reduce disruptions caused by frequent electoral exercises, and enable local officials to focus more effectively on public service rather than on electoral cycles.

Ultimately, this measure aims to strengthen governance in the barangay level and enable them to fully realize their mandates under the Local Government Code of 1991 as the primary planning and implementing units for government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is earnestly requested.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 12232 or "An Act Setting the Term
2 of Office of Barangay Officials and Members of the Sanggunian Kabataan, and for
3 Other Purposes" is hereby amended to read as follows:
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5 "SECTION 1. *Term of Office.* – The term of office of all elected
6 barangay and Sanggunian Kabataan officials shall be [~~four (4)~~] **FIVE**
7 **(5)** years. No elective barangay official shall serve for more than three
8 (3) consecutive terms in the same position. No elective Sanggunian
9 Kabataan official shall serve for more than one (1) term in the same
10 positions. Voluntary renunciation of office for any length of time shall
11 not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of service for the
12 full term for which the elective official was elected."
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14 **SEC. 2.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 12232 is hereby amended to read as
15 follows:

16 "SEC. 2. *Date of Election.* – The next regular barangay and
17 Sanggunian Kabataan elections shall be held on the first Monday of

1 November [2026] **2028** and every [~~four—(4)~~] **FIVE (5)** years
2 thereafter.”
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4 **SEC. 3.** Section 5 of Republic Act No. 12232 is hereby amended to read as
5 follows:

6 “SEC. 5. *Transitory Provision.* – Incumbent elective barangay
7 officials **SHALL BE REGARDED AS HAVING COMPLETED ONE**
8 **TERM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS, CONSIDERING THE**
9 **EXTENSION OF THEIR TERMS BY TWO (2) YEARS. INCUMBENT**
10 **OFFICIALS** serving their third consecutive term in the same position
11 shall [~~not be eligible~~] **BE INELIGIBLE** to run for the same position in
12 the November [2026] **2028** Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan
13 Elections.”

14 **SEC. 4. Appropriations.** The amount necessary to implement the provisions
15 of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.
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17 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is
18 held invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.
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20 **SEC. 6. Repealing Clause.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
21 letters of instructions, proclamations, and administrative regulations that are
22 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
23 accordingly.
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25 **SEC. 7. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect immediately following the
26 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of
27 general circulation.

Approved,