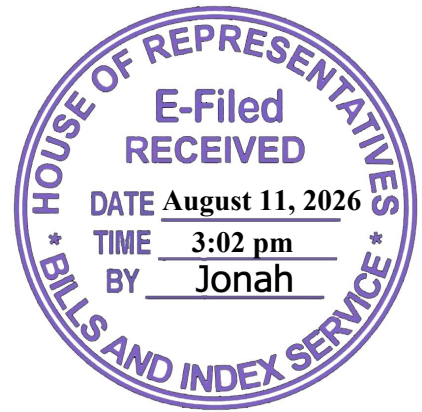


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House Bill No. 10713



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay governments, as the frontline units of government, play a vital role in implementing national and local programs, maintaining peace and order, resolving community disputes, responding to disasters and emergencies, and delivering basic services at the grassroots. The effective discharge of these responsibilities depends largely on the stability, continuity, and institutional capacity of barangay governments and their officials.

This measure seeks to strengthen governance at the barangay level by extending the term of office of barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials from four (4) years to five (5) years and by resetting the next Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections from the first Monday of November 2026 to the first Monday of November 2028.

The proposed five-year term will provide barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials with adequate time to plan, implement, and complete development programs and projects, ensure continuity in governance, reduce disruptions caused by frequent electoral exercises, and allow local officials to focus more on public service than on recurring election cycles.

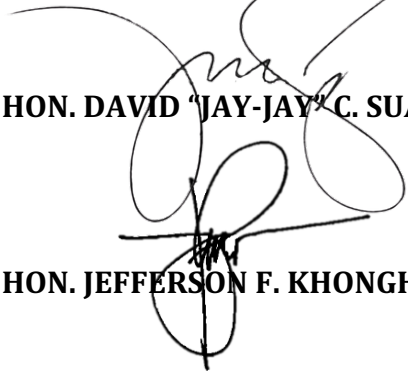
Correspondingly, postponing the next Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections to November 2028 is necessary to harmonize the election schedule with the proposed five-year term of office and to ensure an orderly transition to the new electoral cycle. This will promote stability in local governance, avoid disruptions in the implementation of ongoing community programs, and enable barangay governments to sustain development initiatives that require longer periods for planning and execution.

Ultimately, this measure reinforces the role of barangays, as envisioned under the Local Government Code of 1991, as the primary planning and implementing units of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities within their communities, as well as forums where the collective views of the people are expressed, consensus is built, and local disputes are amicably resolved.

By providing greater continuity in leadership and a more stable governance framework, this measure seeks to strengthen grassroots institutions and improve the delivery of public services to every Filipino community.

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


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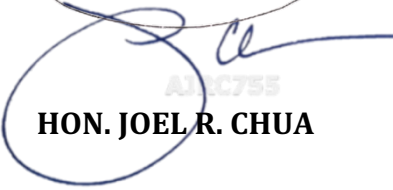

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**AN ACT FIXING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS
OF THE SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN TO FIVE (5) YEARS, AMENDING REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 12232 OR “AN ACT SETTING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE BARANGAY
OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”**

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 12232 or “An Act Setting the Term of
Office of Barangay Officials and Members of the Sanggunian Kabataan, and for Other
Purposes” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. *Term of Office.* – The term of office of all elected barangay and
Sanggunian Kabataan officials shall be [~~four (4)~~] **FIVE (5)** years. No elective
barangay official shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same
position. No elective Sanggunian Kabataan official shall serve for more than one (1)
term in the same positions. Voluntary renunciation of office for any length of time
shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of service for the full term
for which the elective official was elected.”

Sec. 2. 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]~~ **2028** and every ~~[four (4)]~~ **FIVE (5)** years thereafter.”

Sec. 3. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 12232 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

Sec. 4. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 5. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part hereof is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 6. Repealing Clause. – All laws, acts, decrees, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to and inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 7. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,