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EXPLANATORY NOTE

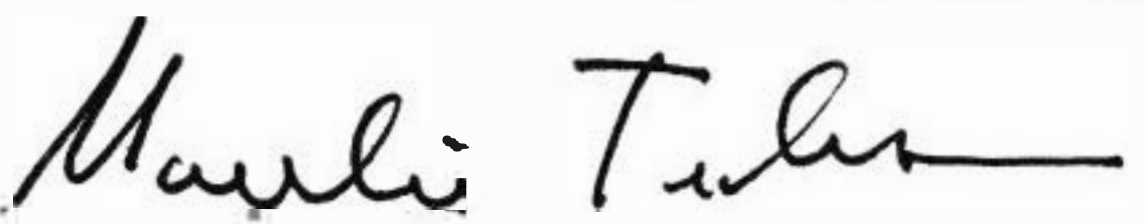
Barangay governments serve as the frontline administrative and public service arm of the State. Under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, they function as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community. Furthermore, they provide a vital public forum where the collective views of the people are expressed and considered, and where local disputes are amicably settled.

In executing these statutory mandates, barangays bear the direct responsibility of implementing national and local welfare programs, maintaining public peace and order, delivering basic health and social services, and administering community-based disaster risk reduction and management efforts. Consequently, the effective and efficient execution of these essential public functions depends heavily upon the institutional capacity, administrative stability, and continuity of elected local leadership.

This proposed measure seeks to strengthen governance at the grassroots level by establishing a fixed five-year term of office for elected barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan. The current statutory term limits subject local administration to overly frequent electoral cycles, creating systemic disruptions, administrative inefficiency, and a constant shift of focus toward campaign activities rather than long-term community development.

Extending the term to five (5) years provides local leaders with the necessary tenure to plan, execute, and sustain meaningful socio-economic initiatives without constant interruption. Aligned with this is the postponement of the regular Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections to November 2028. Ultimately, this structural intervention ensures stability in local administration, optimizes the operational capacity of barangay governments, and enables them to fully realize their foundational mandate as effective providers of public service.

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


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AN ACT

FIXING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN TO FIVE (5) YEARS AND POSTPONING THE SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO NOVEMBER 2028, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12232 OR "AN ACT SETTING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG 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 Sangguniang 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 Sangguniang 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 Sangguniang 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,